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PREFACE

- The Department of Children and Families (DCF) reorganized its area offices into four regions in October, 2010. The new alignment of regions and area offices is presented in the following table.

DCF REGIONAL OFFICES	DCF AREA OFFICES
Western	Greenfield, Holyoke, Pittsfield, Springfield, Van Wart, Worcester East, Worcester West, South Central, North Central
Northern	Lowell, Framingham, Haverhill, Lawrence, Cambridge, Malden, Cape Ann, Lynn
Southern	Arlington, Coastal, Cape Cod, Plymouth, Fall River, New Bedford, Brockton, Taunton
Boston	Dimock Street, Hyde Park, Harbor, Park Street

- This report has been reorganized and incorporates the new regional configuration. Figures with bar graphs depicting quarterly trends contain only a bar for this quarter; additional bars will be added in successive quarters.

I. CONSUMER AND CASE COUNTS

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, DCF had 22,032 open cases (1,812 adoption cases and 20,220 clinical cases) and 71,691 open consumers¹ (34,512 adults and 37,179 children). Case counts ranged from 2,674 in the Boston Region to 7,998 in the Western Region. (**Table 1** on page 3)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, case counts declined 5% and consumer counts 6%. The consumer count has dropped significantly since a peak of 88,568 was reached at the end of June 2009 (see **Fig. 1** on page 4 and **Appendix Table A1** on page 64). The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This quarterly pattern coincides with changes in DCF responses (investigations and initial assessments) to abuse and neglect.
- Since 1992, the number of adult consumers has been gradually increasing and approaching the number of child consumers (**Fig. 1**). During this period, there has been a slow decline in the number of children less than 18 years old in placement (**Fig. 1**). The decreased number of children in placement has coincided with a rise in the number of children receiving services while remaining at home.

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and who were in a case with a comprehensive assessment or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

A. Consumers in Placement

- There were 9,506 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011. Included in this count are 7,917 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,589 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1** on page 3)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 36% in the Western Region, 25% in the Southern Region, 24% in the Northern Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)

B. Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, there were 29,262 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement (**Table 1**). From the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, counts of children not in placement decreased 7% statewide (**Appendix Table A1** on page 64). Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation).

**TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DCF REGION: FY'2011,
End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region				Adoption		Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	674	386	431	175	144	2	1,812
Clinical	7,324	4,833	5,474	2,499	4	86	20,220
Total	7,998	5,219	5,905	2,674	148	88	22,032
Consumer Counts:							
Adults: ⁽³⁾							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	438	443	376	240	---	43	1,540
Other ⁽⁶⁾	4	8	4	8	---	16	40
On the Run	1	4	2	2	---	---	9
Total in Placement	443	455	382	250	---	59	1,589
Not in Placement	12,516	7,496	9,113	3,789	---	9	32,923
Total Adults	12,959	7,951	9,495	4,039	---	68	34,512
Children:							
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,868	1,703	1,913	818	250	27	7,579
Other ⁽⁶⁾	52	66	50	35	1	8	212
On the Run	46	37	25	18	---	---	126
Total in Placement	2,966	1,806	1,988	871	251	35	7,917
Not in Placement	11,590	6,708	7,495	3,461	4	4	29,262
Total Children	14,556	8,514	9,483	4,332	255	39	37,179
Total	27,515	16,465	18,978	8,371	255	107	71,691

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

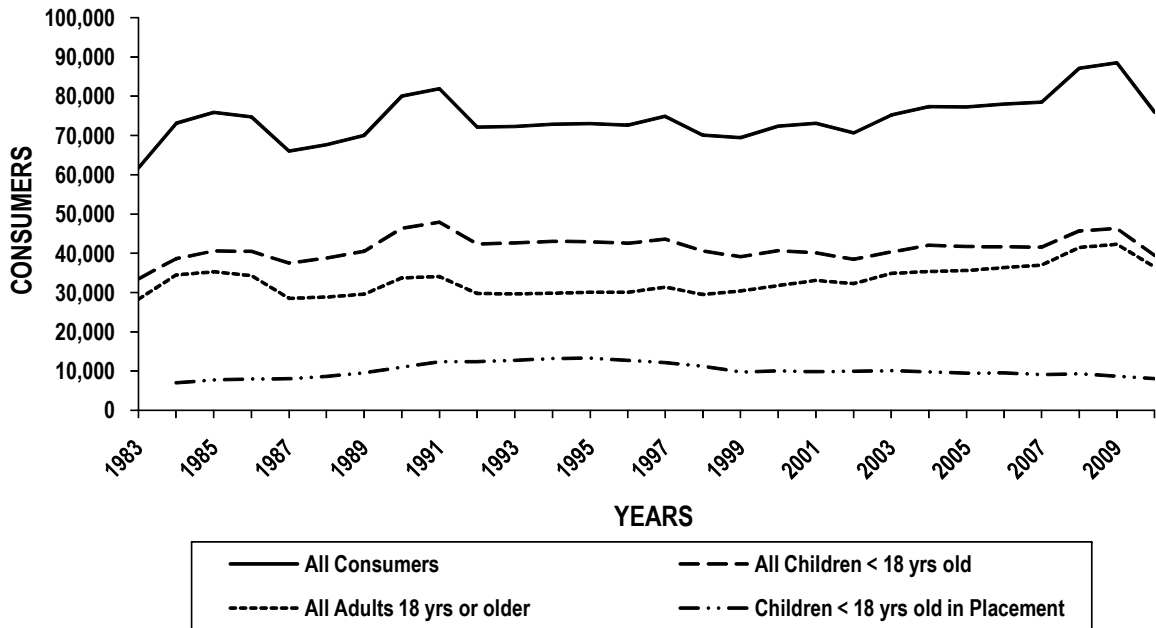
⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

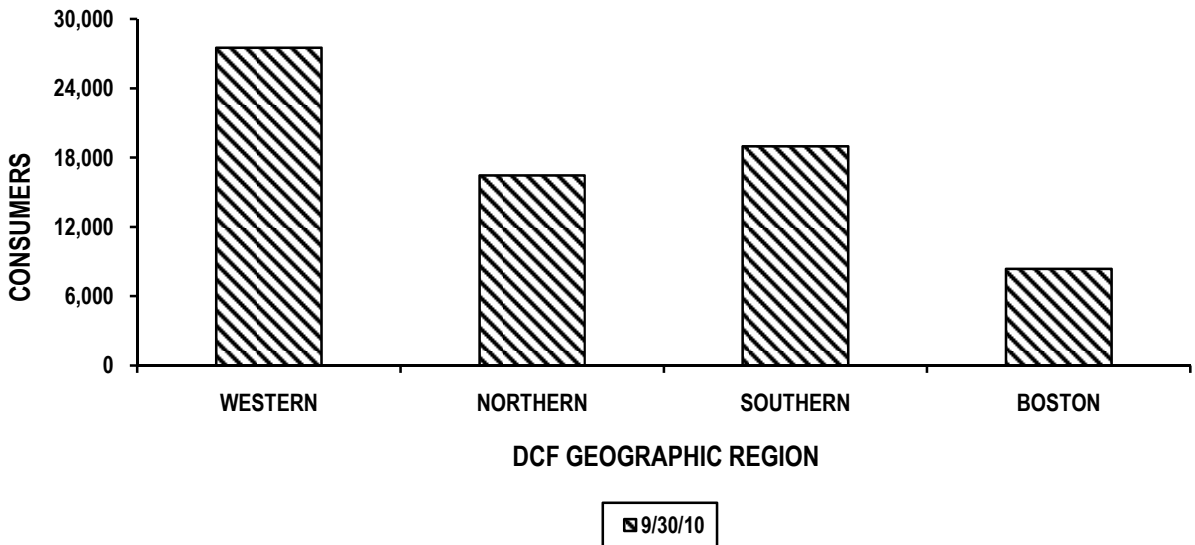
⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

**FIGURE 1. ANNUAL COUNTS OF DCF CONSUMERS:
JUNE 1983 - JUNE 2010**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



II. CASE AND CONSUMER OPENINGS ²

- All counts are unduplicated; if a case or a consumer had more than one opening in the quarter, only the first one was selected.
- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, there were 2,197 case openings (unduplicated) and 13,436 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that reopened. Case members include consumers open for the first time and consumers who reopened. (**Tables 2A and 2B** on next page)
- There was a substantial decline in case and consumer openings (16% fewer cases and 19% fewer consumers) in the 1st Quarter of 2011 compared to the 4th Quarter of 2010.
- Eighty-two percent of case openings and 86% of consumer openings were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 5% of case openings and 4% of consumer openings. (**Tables 2A and 2B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 6% of case openings and 6% of consumer openings (**Tables 2A and 2B**). It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include the children subject to the CHINS petition, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in **Fig. 3** on page 7. Supported reports of child abuse/neglect accounted for 78-86% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 4-9% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests ranged from 3-8% of the total intakes for each region. (**Table 2A**)
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. This quarterly trend in case openings is similar to the pattern for reports of child abuse/neglect.

² Case openings are counted when a case opens for services and has a comprehensive assessment or service plan. Cases open pending completion of an investigation or initial assessment are not included. Consumer openings are counted when a consumer opens in a case that is open for services.

**TABLE 2A. CASE OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	690	86%	34	4%	25	3%	14	2%	39	5%	802
Northern	393	78%	35	7%	32	6%	15	3%	29	6%	504
Southern	533	84%	36	6%	29	5%	10	2%	27	4%	635
Boston	191	78%	21	9%	20	8%	3	1%	10	4%	245
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	9	100%	---	---	---	---	9
Total:	1,807	82%	126	6%	115	5%	42	2%	107	5%	2,197

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 2B. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	4,505	88%	234	5%	176	3%	154	3%	76	1%	5,145
Northern	2,582	84%	182	6%	128	4%	113	4%	57	2%	3,062
Southern	3,303	86%	264	7%	161	4%	53	1%	51	1%	3,832
Boston	1,185	86%	123	9%	46	3%	18	1%	12	1%	1,384
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	1	33%	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	67%	3
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Missing	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total:	11,578	86%	803	6%	519	4%	338	3%	198	1%	13,436

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

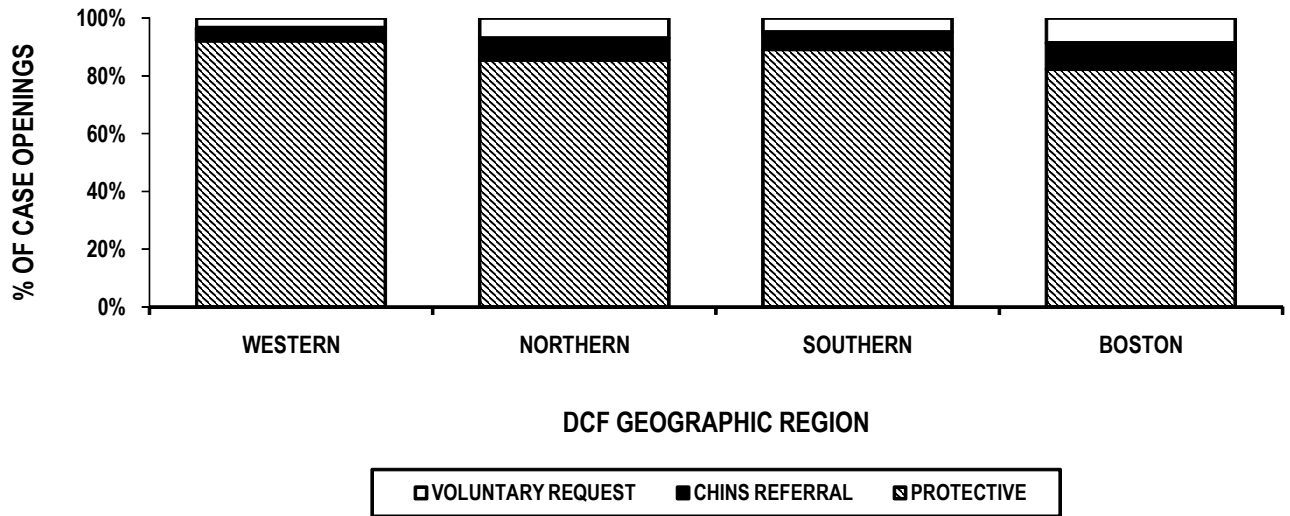
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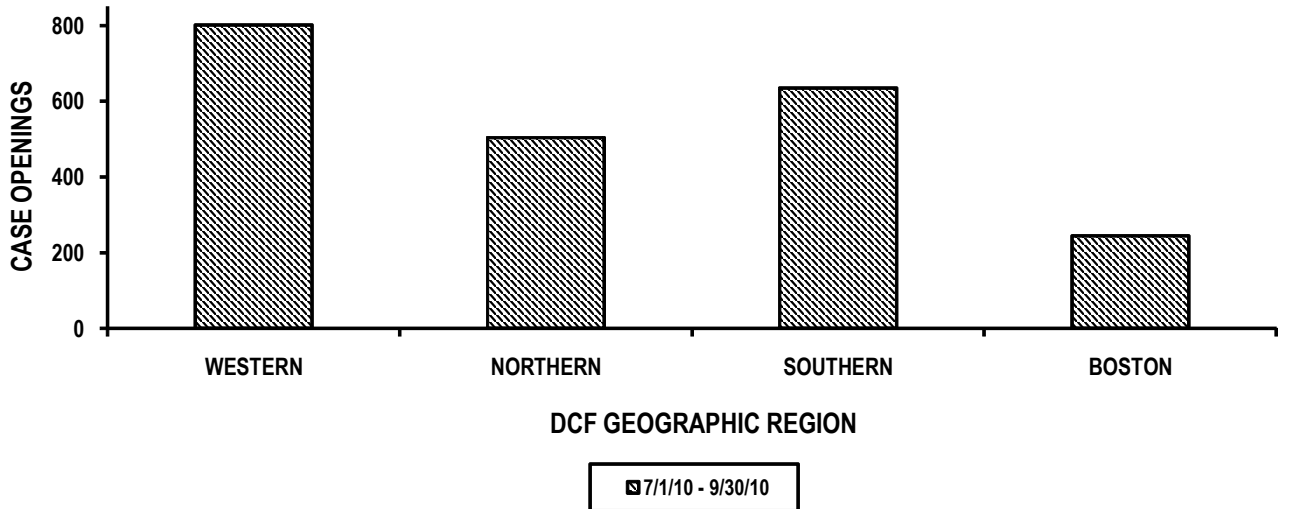
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⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 3. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**



**FIGURE 4. CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER)**



III. CHILD MALTREATMENT

In August 2009, DCF implemented a “Differential Response” process for handling reports of child maltreatment. The differential response allows reports to be screened-in for an investigation response or an initial assessment response. Not all reports of abuse or neglect require the same type of intervention. An initial assessment response provides an alternative to an investigation. DCF is able to engage families more quickly when the reported concern does not warrant a formal investigation of the allegation(s). The initial assessment response cannot be used for reports alleging sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, or serious neglect.

A. Reports

- Statewide, 18,507 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY’2011. Forty percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation and 18% were screened-in for initial assessment. Eight percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 3** on page 10)
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (5,264) and South (3,299). The Judge Baker Children’s Center (hotline) recorded 5,596 reports. (**Table 3**)
- Regionally, the proportion of reports screened-in for an investigation response ranged from 27% in the North to 45% in Boston. At the Judge Baker Children’s Center, 47% of the reports were screened-in for investigation. (**Table 3, Fig. 5** on page 11)
- The proportion of reports screened-in for an initial assessment response ranged from 16% in the South to 25% in the North. Judge Baker screened-in 15% of the reports for initial assessment. (**Table 3, Fig. 5**)
- Worcester East, Brockton, and Springfield Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for investigation (51-56%). Cape Ann, Malden, South Central, and Haverhill Areas had the highest proportions of reports screened-in for initial assessment (34-37%). (**Appendix Table A4** on page 67)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 3-4% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 19% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children’s Center Hotline. (**Table 3**)
- Statewide, reports dropped 15% from the 4th Quarter of FY’2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY’2011. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4).

B. Investigation and Initial Assessment Responses

- Investigations and initial assessments as a proportion of all responses for each region were: 68% and 32% (South); 65% and 35% (West); 64% and 36% (Boston); 52% and 48% (North), respectively. (**Table 4** on next page, **Fig. 6** on page 11)

Initial Assessments

- There were 2,921 initial assessments completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2011³. The assessment decision was “concern” for 40% of initial assessments and “low or no concern” for 60%. The assessment decisions are defined as “concerns of safety or risk that warrant DCF services” and “no concern or minimal risk of future abuse/neglect.” (**Table 4, Fig. 6**)
- Framingham, Malden, South Central, Arlington, and Cape Ann Areas had the highest proportion of responses which resulted in an initial assessment of concern (27-33%). (**Appendix Table A5** on page 68)

Investigations

- The number of investigations conducted during the 1st Quarter of FY'2011 was 6,041 (**Table 4, Fig. 6**).³ Of these investigations, 78 resulted from report(s) screened-in for initial assessment. This conversion from an initial assessment to an investigation occurred because during the initial assessment: (1) DCF received another child maltreatment report on a family; or (2) the DCF social worker filed a report on the family. In both cases, the filed reports met the criteria for a mandatory investigation response. Of the 78 above-mentioned investigations, allegations of maltreatment were supported for 55 and unsupported for 23.
- Fifty-nine percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 4**)
- The West and South conducted more investigations (1,938 and 1,490, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 54% in Boston to a high of 61% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 71% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 4**)
- New Bedford, Worcester East, Lynn, and Brockton Areas had the highest proportion of responses that resulted in a supported investigation (47-55%). (**Appendix Table A5**)
- Statewide, investigations declined 23% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011.

³ The number of investigations and initial assessments is lower than the number of reports screened for investigation or initial assessment. This occurs because an investigation or initial assessment may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

TABLE 3. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision									Total No. %	
	Screened-Out No. %		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for S/I Initial Assessment Total No. %				
			Non-Emergency No. %		Emergency No. %						
Western	2,181	41%	1,896	36%	189	4%	2,085	998	19%	5,264	28%
Northern	1,487	48%	759	24%	89	3%	848	782	25%	3,117	17%
Southern	1,487	45%	1,181	36%	94	3%	1,275	537	16%	3,299	18%
Boston	429	36%	489	41%	44	4%	533	245	20%	1,207	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,119	38%	1,552	28%	1,088	19%	2,640	837	15%	5,596	30%
Special Investigations	8	33%	16	67%	---	---	16	---	---	24	*
Total	7,711	42%	5,893	32%	1,504	8%	7,397	3,399	18%	18,507	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

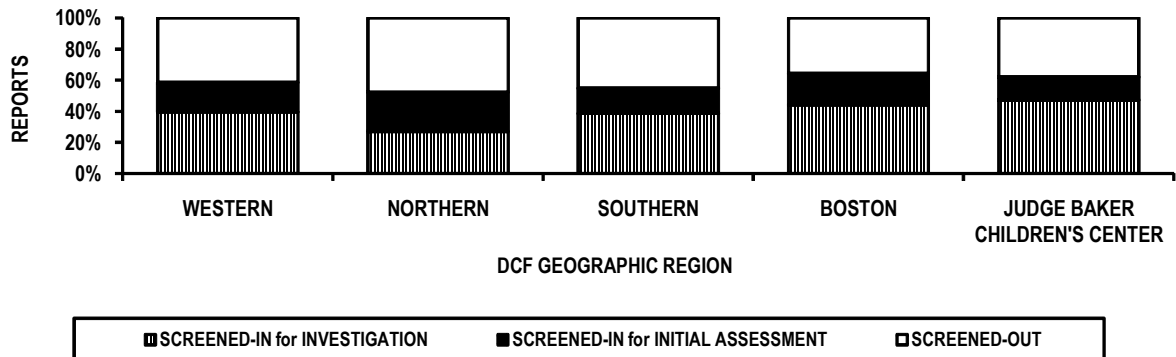
TABLE 4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision					Initial Assessment Decision					Total No. %	
	Supported		Unsupported		Inv Total	Concern		Low/No Concern		IA Total		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%	No.	%			
Western	1,177	61%	761	39%	1,938	435	15%	593	20%	1,028	2,966	33%
Northern	556	58%	401	42%	957	352	19%	531	29%	883	1,840	21%
Southern	890	60%	600	40%	1,490	264	12%	446	20%	710	2,200	25%
Boston	290	54%	245	46%	535	117	14%	183	22%	300	835	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	598	71%	249	29%	847	---	---	---	---	---	847	9%
Special Investigations	38	14%	234	86%	272	---	---	---	---	---	272	3%
Other ⁽¹⁾	---	---	2	*	2	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	3,549	59%	2,492	41%	6,041	1,168	40%	1,753	60%	2,921	8,962	100%

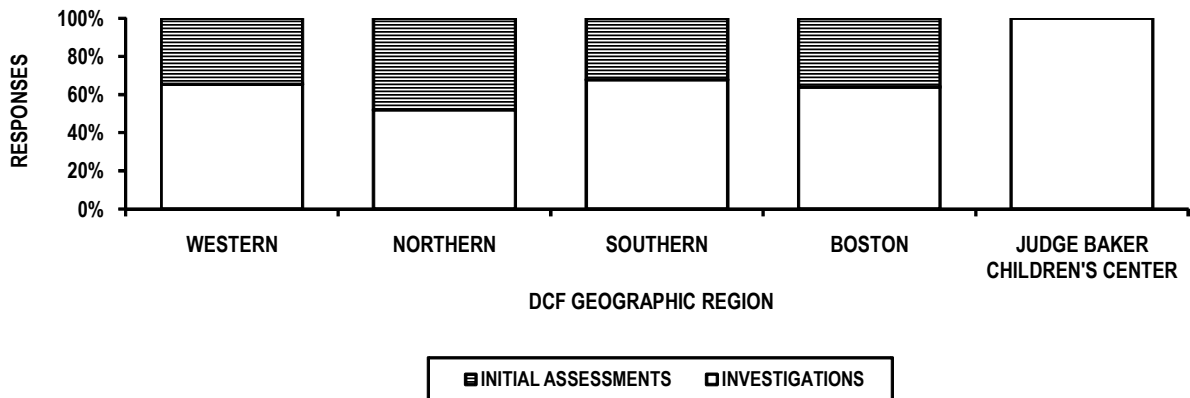
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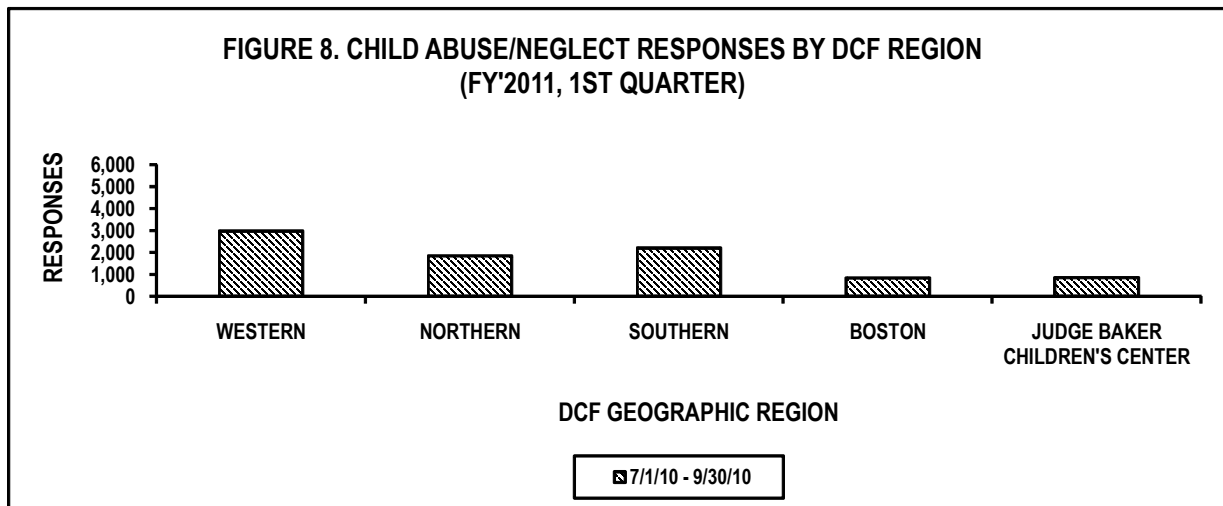
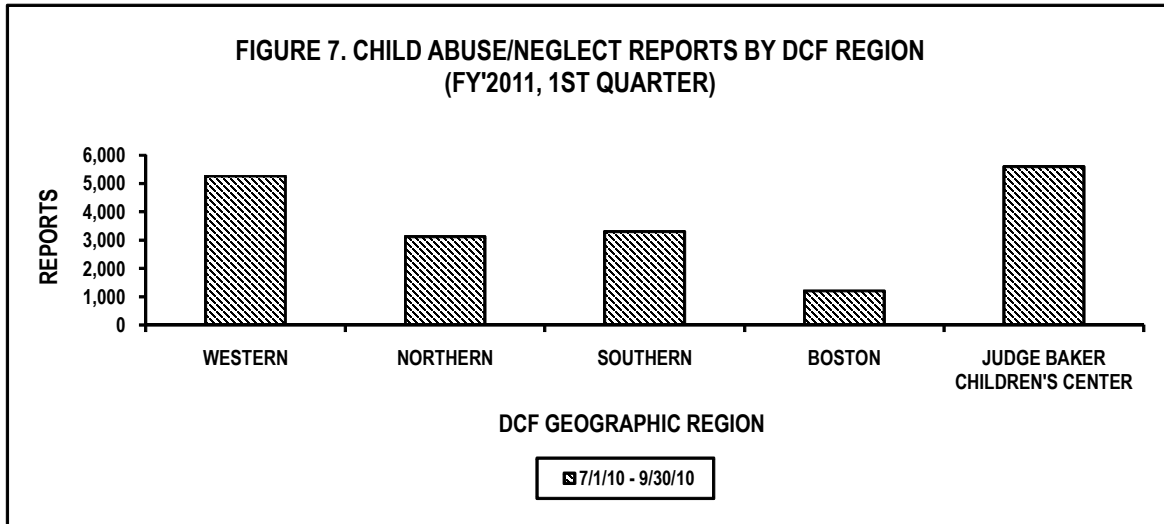
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**FIGURE 5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**



**FIGURE 6. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY TYPE AND DCF REGION
FY'2011 , 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**

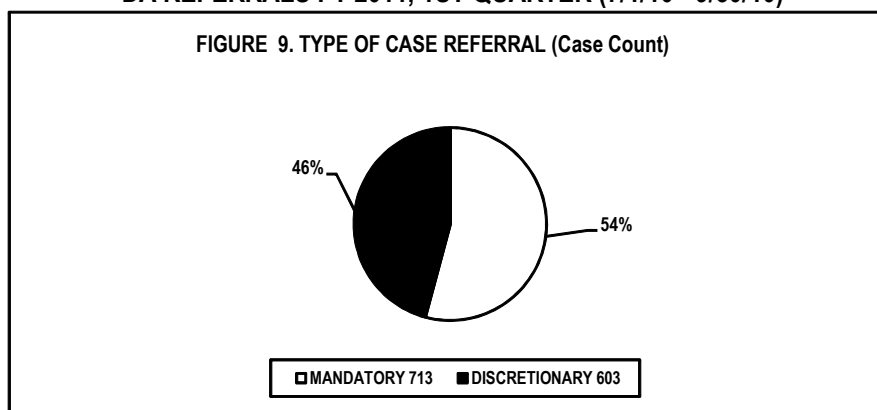




C. District Attorney (DA) Referrals

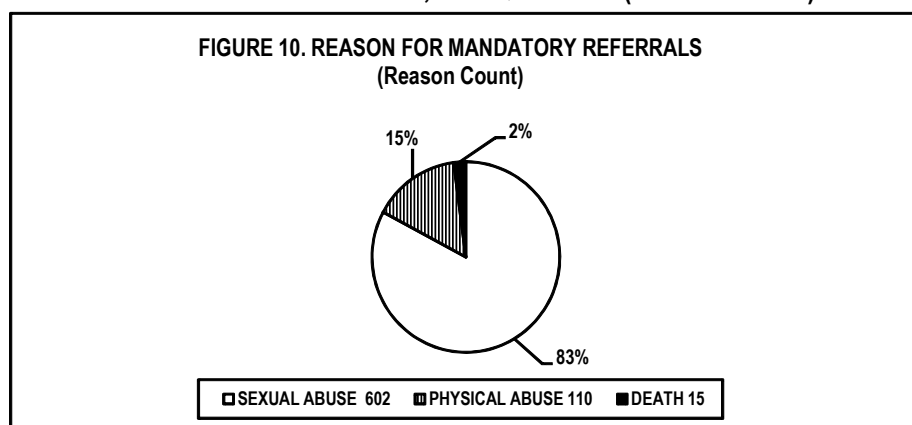
- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, 1,316 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals⁴ and 46% were discretionary referrals⁵ (**Fig. 9**). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past four fiscal years (See **Appendix Table A6** on page 69).

DA REFERRALS FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)



- Sexual abuse accounted for 83% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals during the 1st Quarter of FY'2011 (**Fig. 10, Table 5** on next page). Fifteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

DA REFERRALS FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

⁴ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

⁵ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

TABLE 5. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	602	83%
Sexual Assault	575	
Sexual Exploitation	27	
Serious Physical Abuse:	110	15%
Death:	15	2%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	727	100%

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

- Sexual abuse as a proportion of all reasons for mandatory referrals has ranged from 78% to 83% over the past eight years (FY'2003 through FY'2010) (See **Appendix Table A7** on page 69).
- Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**
- **Table 6** (on next page) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county estimates⁶ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected while Berkshire and Hampden (encompassing the city of Springfield) Counties had higher numbers of referrals than expected.
- **Table 7** (on next page) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk Counties accounted for 68% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 67% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

⁶ U.S. Census Bureau, American Factfinder, 2010 Census Tables, (factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml)

TABLE 6. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY:

FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

County ⁽¹⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2010 Children Under 18 years
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	117	43%	153	57%	270	172,089
Middlesex	91	40%	134	60%	225	320,439
Worcester	84	40%	125	60%	209	187,231
Suffolk	83	55%	68	45%	151	126,275
Hampden	74	60%	49	40%	123	109,885
Berkshire	29	39%	46	61%	75	25,624
Bristol	29	42%	40	58%	69	122,409
Norfolk	38	68%	18	32%	56	152,132
Plymouth	33	63%	19	37%	52	119,475
Hampshire	11	31%	24	69%	35	26,766
Franklin	---	---	14	100%	14	14,068
Barnstable	6	50%	6	50%	12	37,249
Dukes	2	100%	---	---	2	3,173
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	2,108
OUT OF STATE	6	26%	17	74%	23	---
Total	603		713		1,316	

⁽¹⁾ County where the child resides.TABLE 7. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY:⁽¹⁾

FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

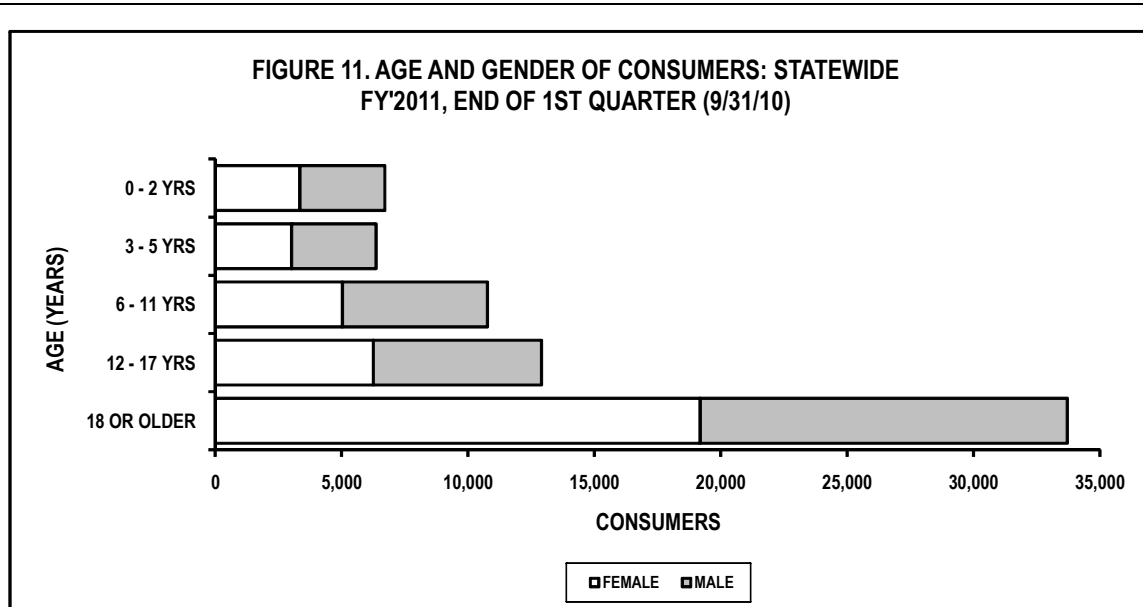
County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total No.
	Sexual Assault No.	Sexual Exploitation No.	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury No.	Death No.	
Essex	121	6	27	2	156
Middlesex	105	2	23	6	136
Worcester	106	8	15	---	129
Suffolk	56	3	9	1	69
Hampden	40	1	8	1	50
Berkshire	41	1	5	---	47
Bristol	32	1	8	---	41
Hampshire	21	---	2	1	24
Plymouth	13	---	4	3	20
Norfolk	9	1	8	---	18
Franklin	12	1	---	1	14
Barnstable	2	3	1	---	6
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	17	---	---	---	17
Total:	575	27	110	15	727

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

IV. CONSUMER DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Age, Gender, and Race of All Consumers

- On the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, the consumer population included 37,179 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 34,512 (48%) adults 18 years or older (**Table 1** on page 3). Fifty-one percent of all consumers were identified as female, 48% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-five percent (12,927) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Fig. 11**)
- Forty-seven percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 11**)



Age (Yrs)	Gender			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,350	3,668	47	7,065
3 - 5	3,019	3,341	13	6,373
6 - 11	5,031	5,744	22	10,797
12 - 17	6,255	6,650	22	12,927
18 or older	19,191	14,521	450	34,162
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	45	169	153	367
Total	36,891	34,093	707	71,691

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 350 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 17 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 707 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

- The statewide caseload was comprised of 45% White, 25% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% for both Native American and Pacific Islander consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 3% of consumers. Race was not recorded (missing) for 8% of consumers. (**Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B** on page 18.)
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 39% Black, 30% Hispanic/Latino, and 16% White consumers (3,282, 2,503, and 1,312 consumers, respectively). The proportion of Hispanic/Latino consumers was similar in 3 of the 4 regions (28-31%). However, the number of Hispanic/Latino consumers was clearly the highest in the West. Asians were most prominent in the North--4% of the caseload (711 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 8, Figs. 12A and 12B**)

TABLE 8. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Total		
									Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾						Other ⁽²⁾
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston								No.
White	12,215	44%	7,470	45%	10,941	58%	1,312	16%	80	31%	3	3%	32,021	45%	
Black	2,510	9%	1,635	10%	2,505	13%	3,282	39%	44	17%	43	40%	10,019	14%	
Asian	130	*	711	4%	188	1%	215	3%	3	1%	30	28%	1,277	2%	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	8,510	31%	4,609	28%	2,466	13%	2,503	30%	91	36%	30	28%	18,209	25%	
Native American	36	*	13	*	65	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	119	*	
Other ⁽⁴⁾	10	*	4	*	3	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	18	*	
Multi-Racial	628	2%	392	2%	611	3%	105	1%	20	8%	---	---	1,756	2%	
Unable to Determine	886	3%	503	3%	549	3%	340	4%	17	7%	1	1%	2,296	3%	
Missing	2,590	9%	1,128	7%	1,650	9%	608	7%	---	---	---	---	5,976	8%	
Total	27,515	100%	16,465	100%	18,978	100%	8,371	100%	255	100%	107	100%	71,691	100%	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

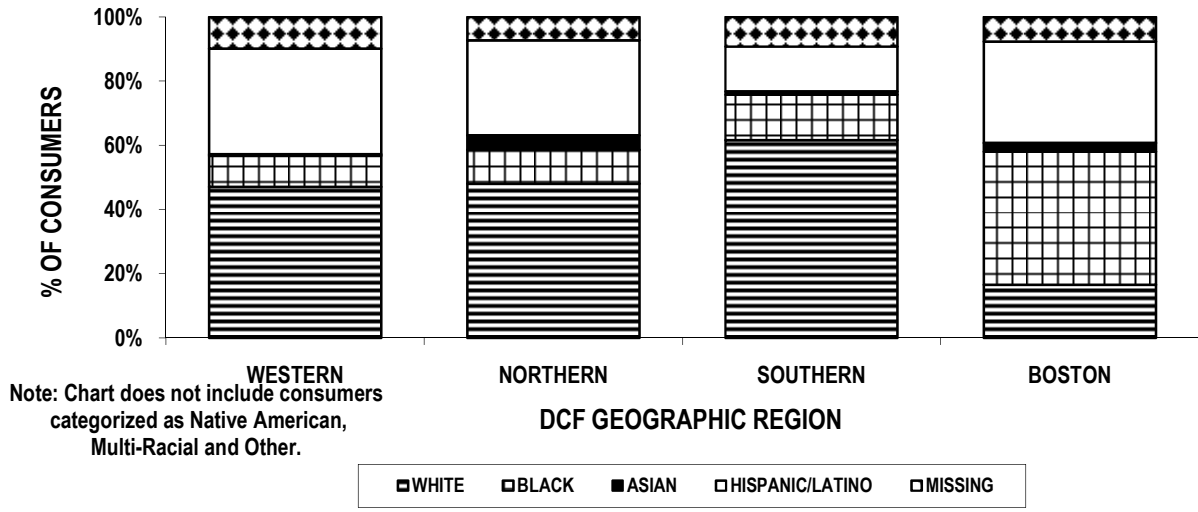
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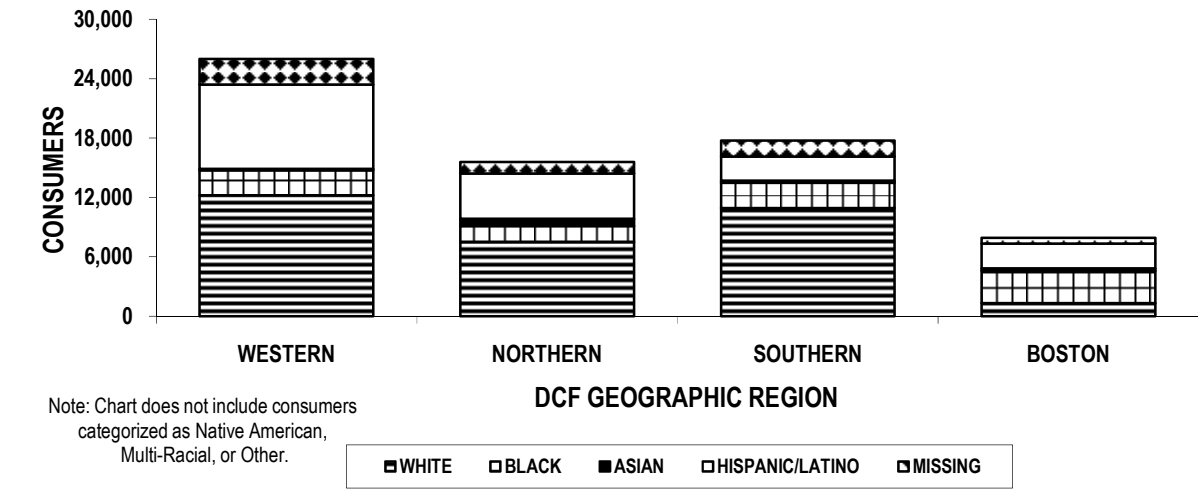
⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 12A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



**FIGURE 12B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in **Table 9**. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

TABLE 9. RACIAL COMPARISON OF CHILDREN RECEIVING SERVICES FROM DCF TO ALL CHILDREN RESIDING IN MASSACHUSETTS (CENSUS 2010)

Race	Children Less than 18 Years Old								
	State Census ⁷ 2010	DCF Not in Substitute Care 9/30/10	DCF All Substitute Care* 9/30/10	DCF Foster Care 9/30/10	DCF Congregate Care** 9/30/10	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 9/30/10	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 9/30/10	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2010	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2010
White	74%	56%	58%	57%	59%	57%	62%	64%	67%
Black	8%	17%	19%	18%	21%	18%	20%	15%	17%
Asian	6%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	---	---	---	---
Multi-Racial	5%	5%	6%	7%	4%	9%	7%	9%	6%
Other/Unknown	7%	21%	15%	15%	13%	15%	10%	10%	8%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,418,923	29,262	7,917	6,099	1,480	2,464	589	748	318
Hispanic Origin Yes	15%	32%	27%	27%	25%	28%	24%	22%	19%
Hispanic Origin No	85%	61%	68%	67%	71%	66%	71%	70%	74%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	---	8%	6%	6%	4%	7%	5%	8%	6%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies where DCF retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- **Appendix Table A10** on page 72 displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 13 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Lawrence, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Lawrence and Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The relatively higher proportion of “Other” race in Lawrence and Springfield is most likely a reflection of the large Hispanic/Latino population—many do not identify with any race. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

⁷ U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Tables P1, P2, P3, and P4.

B. Preferred Language of All Consumers

- The Western and Northern Regions had the highest numbers of Spanish-speaking consumers, 1,778 and 1,149 consumers, respectively (**Table 10**). Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 234 DCF consumers (<1% statewide). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the North. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (South and North), Haitian Creole (North), Cape Verdean Creole (South), Vietnamese (Boston), and Lao (North) (**Table 10**).

TABLE 10. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption				Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Spanish	1,778	6%	1,149	7%	464	2%	753	9%	15	6%	25	23%	4,184	6%		
Haitian Creole	15	*	111	1%	62	*	57	1%	---	---	---	---	245	*		
Portuguese	10	*	104	1%	111	1%	17	*	---	---	---	---	242	*		
Khmer (Cambodian)	1	*	197	1%	24	*	12	*	---	---	---	---	234	*		
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	7	*	98	1%	48	1%	---	---	---	---	153	*		
Vietnamese	30	*	15	*	10	*	56	1%	---	---	---	---	111	*		
Chinese	5	*	14	*	20	*	10	*	---	---	1	1%	50	*		
Lao	1	*	24	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	*		
American Sign Language	11	*	15	*	10	*	4	*	---	---	---	---	40	*		
Other	454	2%	216	1%	263	1%	127	2%	---	---	44	41%	1,104	2%		
English\Unspecified	25,210	92%	14,613	89%	17,915	94%	7,287	87%	240	94%	37	35%	65,302	91%		
Total	27,515	100%	16,465	100%	18,978	100%	8,371	100%	255	100%	107	100%	71,691	100%		

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are only fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table on next page)
- Comparing DCF consumers by preferred language on June 2007 and September 2010, showed an increase in some language groups and a decrease in others (table below). The most significant changes were declines in Khmer (Cambodian) (-34%), Vietnamese (-34%), and Portuguese speakers (-20%). The number of Laotian-speaking consumers rose from 20 to 26. During this period, the count of total consumers decreased 9%.

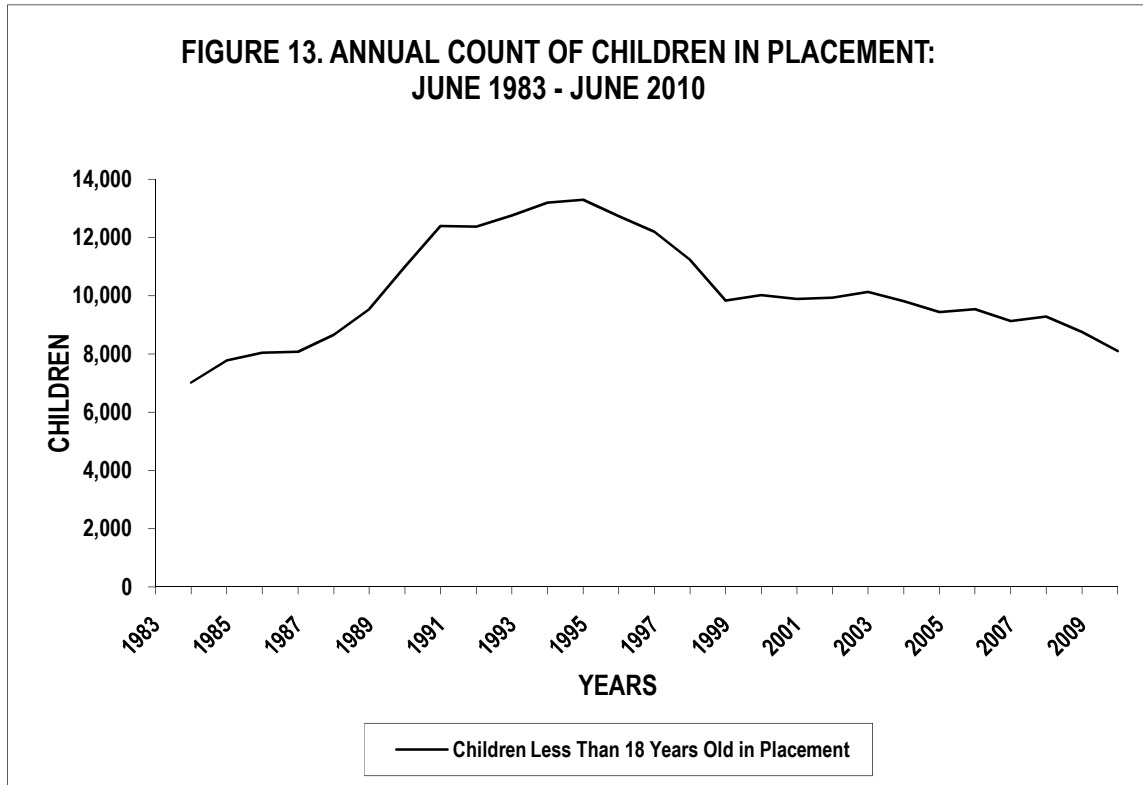
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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Sep. 2010 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	65,302	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,184	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	234	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	242	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	245	106%	-28%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	153	42%	-41%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	111	87%	-39%
Chinese	71	61	54	50	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	40	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	26	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,104	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	71,691	14%	5%

* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

V. PROFILE OF CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT⁸

- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement (7,917) decreased 2% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011 (**Appendix Table A1** on page 64). The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302 children). The placement population has been on a downward trend since 1995. (**Fig. 13, Appendix Table A1**)



- Statewide, 21% (or 7,917) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 21% in the North, 21% in the South, 20% in the West, and 20% in Boston. (**Table 11** on next page)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Fall River, Greenfield, Lynn, and Dimock Street Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Van Wart, Harbor, and Malden Area Offices. (**Table 11**)
- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, the number of children in placement declined 2% statewide (**Appendix Table A1**). In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1st and 4th quarters while increases were more common in the 3rd quarter.

⁸Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

TABLE 11. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF REGION AND AREA: FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)

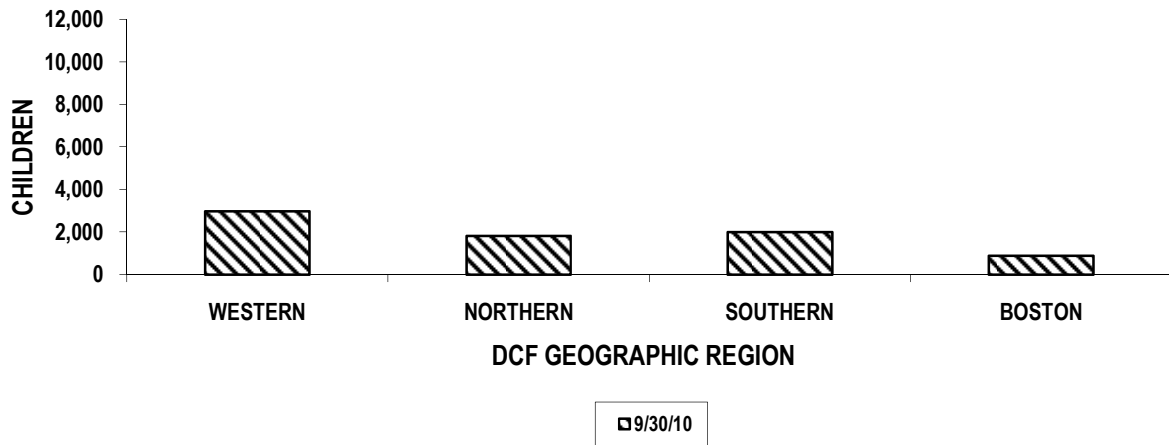
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	767	274	1,041	26%
Holyoke	1,228	359	1,587	23%
North Central	1,413	323	1,736	19%
Pittsfield	804	346	1,150	30%
Robert Van Wart	1,983	375	2,358	16%
South Central	838	236	1,074	22%
Springfield	1,949	424	2,373	18%
Worcester East	1,425	315	1,740	18%
Worcester West	1,170	307	1,477	21%
Contracted Agencies	13	7	20	35%
Western	11,590	2,966	14,556	20%
Cambridge	645	138	783	18%
Cape Ann	677	182	859	21%
Framingham	635	195	830	23%
Haverhill	676	176	852	21%
Lawrence	876	200	1,076	19%
Lowell	1,345	429	1,774	24%
Lynn	814	272	1,086	25%
Malden	1,028	213	1,241	17%
Contracted Agencies	12	1	13	8%
Northern	6,708	1,806	8,514	21%
Arlington	524	157	681	23%
Brockton	1,102	235	1,337	18%
Cape Cod	758	213	971	22%
Coastal	856	203	1,059	19%
Fall River	1,016	382	1,398	27%
New Bedford	1,526	402	1,928	21%
Plymouth	871	218	1,089	20%
Contracted Agencies	18	3	21	14%
Taunton/Attleboro	824	175	999	18%
Southern	7,495	1,988	9,483	21%
Dimock Street	693	225	918	25%
Harbor	1,095	215	1,310	16%
Hyde Park	696	192	888	22%
Park Street	973	235	1,208	19%
Contracted Agencies	4	4	8	50%
Boston	3,461	871	4,332	20%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	4	251	255	98%
Other ⁽³⁾	4	35	39	90%
Total	29,262	7,917	37,179	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

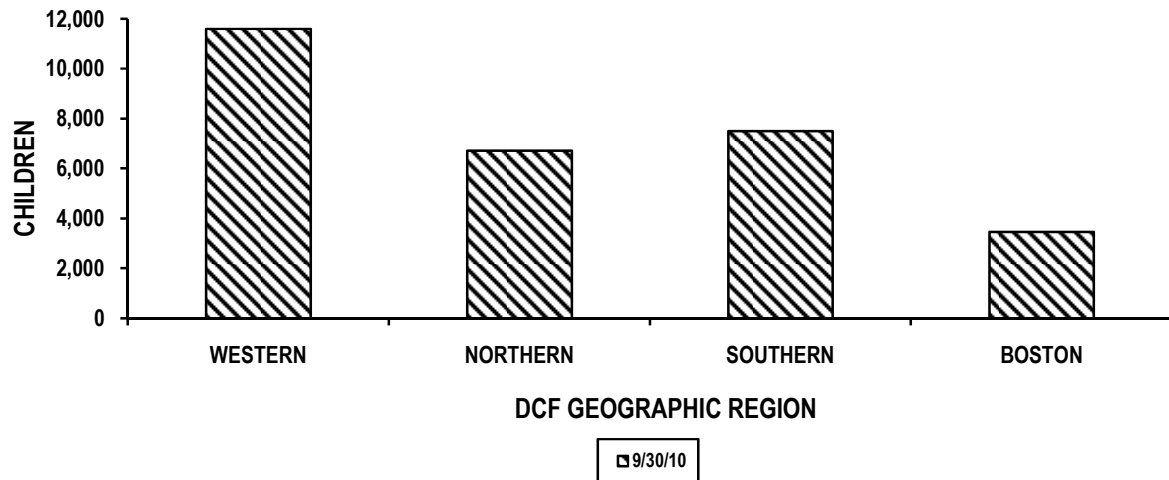
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**FIGURE 14. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'11, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 15. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER)**



A. Demographics of Consumers in Placement

(Combined Counts from All Types of Placement)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A** on next page). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.⁹
- Statewide, 46% of all consumers in placement were White, 17% were Black, 26% were Hispanic/Latino, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race had not been identified for 4% of the placement population. (**Table 12A, Fig. 16A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 12A**)

**TABLE 12A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: GENDER AND RACE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region								Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾				Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		No.		%		No.		%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Gender:																
Female	1,645	48%	1,095	48%	1,131	48%	577	51%	100	40%	28	30%			4,576	48%
Male	1,764	52%	1,166	52%	1,239	52%	544	49%	151	60%	66	70%			4,930	52%
Total	3,409	100%	2,261	100%	2,370	100%	1,121	100%	251	100%	94	100%			9,506	100%
Race:																
White	1,569	46%	1,106	49%	1,390	59%	205	18%	77	31%	1	1%			4,348	46%
Black	404	12%	260	11%	387	16%	533	48%	43	17%	33	35%			1,660	17%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	1,123	33%	637	28%	337	14%	283	25%	91	36%	29	31%			2,500	26%
Asian	21	1%	104	5%	17	1%	32	3%	3	1%	30	32%			207	2%
Native American	5	*	3	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	---	---			14	*
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			1	*
Multi-Racial	151	4%	91	4%	144	6%	25	2%	20	8%	---	---			431	5%
Unable to Determine	136	4%	59	3%	89	4%	43	4%	17	7%	1	1%			345	4%
Total	3,409	100%	2,261	100%	2,370	100%	1,121	100%	251	100%	94	100%			9,506	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

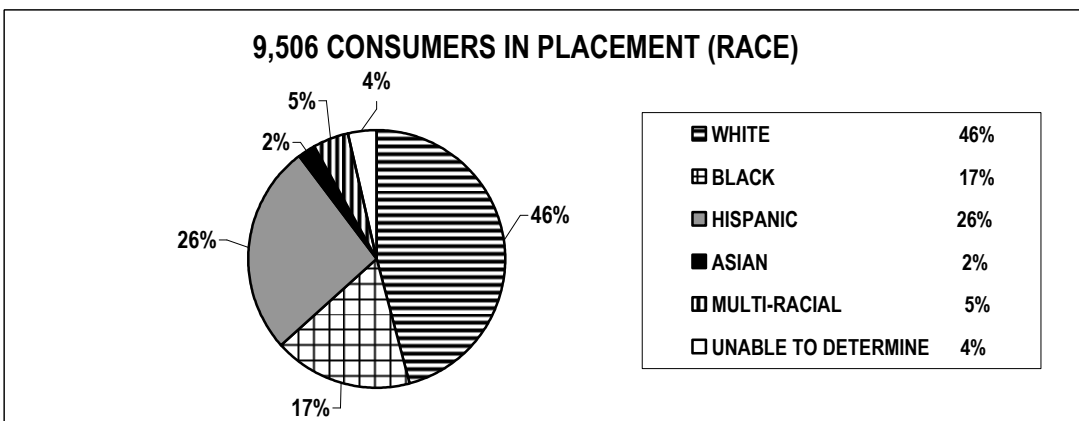
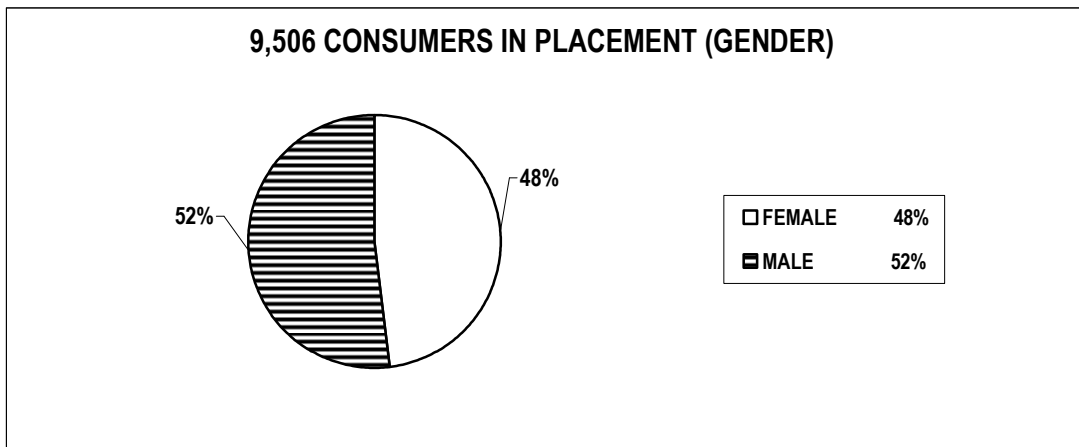
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⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁹ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2009). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates—Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC-EST2009-02-25.XLS)

**FIGURE 16A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY GENDER AND RACE
STATEWIDE: FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 39% to 42%. (**Table 12B** on page 28)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 250 in the Boston Region to 455 in the Northern Region. (**Table 12B**)

B. Permanency Goals of Consumers in Placement and Continuous Time in Care

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (32% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (26%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁰ (APPLA) (20%). The West and North had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. (**Table 12B** on next page, **Fig. 16B** on page 29)
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹¹ (8% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 9/30/2010, 42% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years,¹² 20% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 38% for 1 year or less. (**Table 12B, Fig. 16B**)
- The North and Boston had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous care¹³ for more than two years (45%). Boston also had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (35%). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for one year or less (1,362) and the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (1,353). (**Table 12B**)
- Table 15 displays the race of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (51% for Black vs. 42% for Hispanic, 41% for White, 41% for Multi-Racial, 36% for Asian). (**Table 13** on next page)
- Twenty-eight percent of Black consumers in placement had a goal of “Family Reunification,” compared to 32% for White and 33% for Hispanic consumers (**Table 14** on page 30). There was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—26% Black vs. 20% White and 19% Hispanic for APPLA; 23% Black vs. 25% White and 27% Hispanic for adoption.

¹⁰ The APPLA goal is for youth 16 years or older to establish a lifelong permanent connection, as well as to obtain life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Services, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

¹¹ The goal of permanent placement with kin is to provide children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹² Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹³ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent home removal episode start date to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2010).

**TABLE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE
BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age Group:														
(0 - 2 yrs)	549	16%	278	12%	369	16%	154	14%	37	15%	---	---	1,387	15%
(3 - 5 yrs)	422	12%	201	9%	290	12%	95	8%	61	24%	---	---	1,069	11%
(6 - 11 yrs)	640	19%	374	17%	402	17%	161	14%	109	43%	3	3%	1,689	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,355	40%	953	42%	927	39%	461	41%	44	18%	32	34%	3,772	40%
18 or older	443	13%	455	20%	382	16%	250	22%	---	---	59	63%	1,589	17%
Total	3,409	100%	2,261	100%	2,370	100%	1,121	100%	251	100%	94	100%	9,506	100%
Service Plan Goals:														
Family Reunification	1,129	33%	697	31%	872	37%	348	31%	1	*	---	---	3,047	32%
Adoption	981	29%	498	22%	512	22%	229	20%	245	98%	---	---	2,465	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	539	16%	536	24%	451	19%	290	26%	---	---	68	72%	1,884	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	234	7%	219	10%	240	10%	80	7%	---	---	15	16%	788	8%
Guardianship	219	6%	156	7%	139	6%	92	8%	3	1%	---	---	609	6%
Stabilization of Family	182	5%	90	4%	111	5%	55	5%	---	---	---	---	438	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	125	4%	65	3%	45	2%	27	2%	2	1%	11	12%	275	3%
Total	3,409	100%	2,261	100%	2,370	100%	1,121	100%	251	100%	94	100%	9,506	100%
Continuous Time in Care:														
(.5 yr or less)	853	25%	486	21%	619	26%	215	19%	1	*	16	17%	2,190	23%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	509	15%	330	15%	349	15%	184	16%	10	4%	8	9%	1,390	15%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	425	12%	260	11%	282	12%	133	12%	17	7%	13	14%	1,130	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	269	8%	185	8%	216	9%	85	8%	20	8%	10	11%	785	8%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	747	22%	467	21%	476	20%	284	25%	148	59%	34	36%	2,156	23%
> 4 yrs	606	18%	533	24%	428	18%	220	20%	55	22%	13	14%	1,855	20%
Total	3,409	100%	2,261	100%	2,370	100%	1,121	100%	251	100%	94	100%	9,506	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

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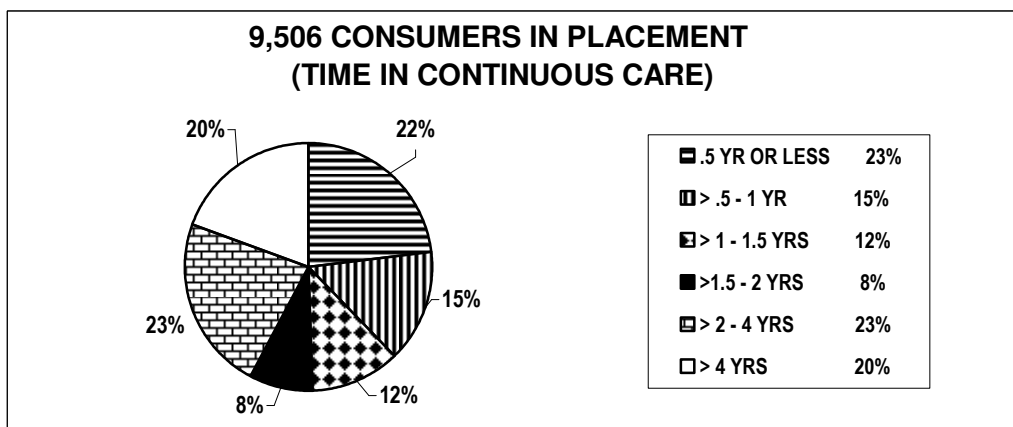
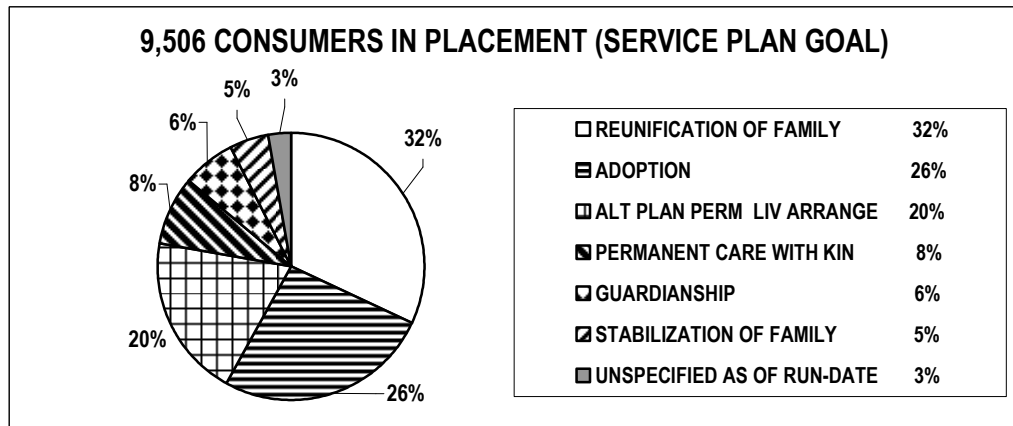
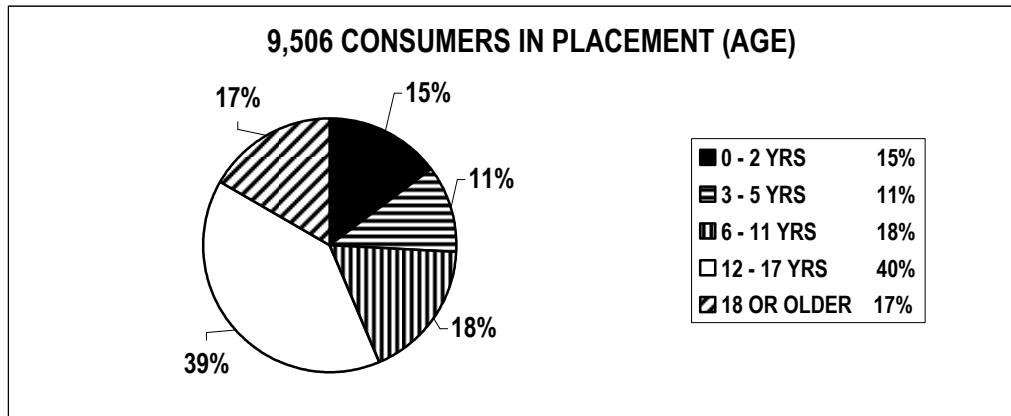
**TABLE 13. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

Race	Continuous Time in Care												Total	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5-1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	1,044	48%	633	46%	527	47%	364	46%	943	44%	837	45%	4,348	46%
Black	307	14%	194	14%	179	16%	137	17%	439	20%	404	22%	1,660	17%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	578	26%	391	28%	285	25%	205	26%	547	25%	494	27%	2,500	26%
Asian	33	2%	39	3%	32	3%	29	4%	46	2%	28	2%	207	2%
Native American	6	*	3	*	2	*	---	---	3	*	---	---	14	*
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*
Multi-Racial	100	5%	73	5%	51	5%	32	4%	120	6%	55	3%	431	5%
Unable to Determine	122	6%	57	4%	54	5%	18	2%	58	3%	36	2%	345	4%
Total	2,190	100%	1,390	100%	1,130	100%	785	100%	2,156	100%	1,855	100%	9,506	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**FIGURE 16B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



**TABLE 14. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Hispanic/ Latino ⁽¹⁾		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽²⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,402	32%	459	28%	814	33%	66	32%	7	50%	1	100%	148	34%	150	43%	3,047	32%
Adoption	1,092	25%	379	23%	679	27%	33	16%	2	14%	---	---	172	40%	108	31%	2,465	26%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	848	20%	430	26%	477	19%	63	30%	1	7%	---	---	40	9%	25	7%	1,884	20%
Permanent Care with Kin	363	8%	173	10%	188	8%	22	11%	2	14%	---	---	17	4%	23	7%	788	8%
Guardianship	301	7%	107	6%	148	6%	7	3%	1	7%	---	---	31	7%	14	4%	609	6%
Stabilization of Family	214	5%	64	4%	118	5%	11	5%	---	---	---	---	15	3%	16	5%	438	5%
Unspecified as of run-date	128	3%	48	3%	76	3%	5	2%	1	7%	---	---	8	2%	9	3%	275	3%
Total	4,348	100%	1,660	100%	2,500	100%	207	100%	14	100%	1	100%	431	100%	345	100%	9,506	100%

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 15. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	624	20%	349	11%	556	18%	1,494	49%	24	1%	3,047	100%
Adoption	640	26%	604	25%	828	34%	392	16%	1	*	2,465	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	2	*	---	---	---	---	551	29%	1,331	71%	1,884	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	2	*	6	1%	41	5%	628	80%	111	14%	788	100%
Guardianship	36	6%	66	11%	173	28%	314	52%	20	3%	609	100%
Stabilization of Family	42	10%	20	5%	56	13%	258	59%	62	14%	438	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	41	15%	24	9%	35	13%	135	49%	40	15%	275	100%
Total	1,387	15%	1,069	11%	1,689	18%	3,772	40%	1,589	17%	9,506	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

**TABLE 16. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	1,466	48%	833	27%	382	13%	132	4%	185	6%	49	2%	3,047	100%
Adoption	86	3%	269	11%	401	16%	345	14%	942	38%	422	17%	2,465	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	96	5%	125	7%	149	8%	137	7%	565	30%	812	43%	1,884	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	23	3%	42	5%	59	7%	42	5%	228	29%	394	50%	788	100%
Guardianship	25	4%	73	12%	92	15%	107	18%	182	30%	130	21%	609	100%
Stabilization of Family	287	66%	42	10%	30	7%	13	3%	30	7%	36	8%	438	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	207	75%	6	2%	17	6%	9	3%	24	9%	12	4%	275	100%
Total	2,190	23%	1,390	15%	1,130	12%	785	8%	2,156	23%	1,855	20%	9,506	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

C. Relationship of Age, Race, and Type of Placement to Continuous Time in Care

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011 ("snapshot" on 9/30/10), the median time in continuous care was 1.3 years and the median¹⁴ age was 11.3 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 19 years, the median age of children in care has ranged from 9.1 to 12.6 years while median time in placement has fluctuated between 1.1 and 1.6 years). (See table below)

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98	10.2	1.5	10,503
6/99	10.8	1.3	9,834
6/00	11.4	1.3	10,025
6/01	11.5	1.2	9,889
6/02	11.8	1.3	9,932
6/03	12.1	1.3	10,127
6/04	12.3	1.4	9,815
6/05	12.5	1.3	9,439
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,543
6/07	12.6	1.2	9,132
6/08	12.0	1.1	9,287
6/09	11.4	1.2	8,755
6/10	11.5	1.2	8,097
9/10	11.3	1.3	7,917

NOTE: Revised statistics as of 1/31/2011

¹⁴ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- An age breakdown of children in placement by race¹⁵ is presented in the following table. The median ages of Black and Asian children were greater than the median ages of White, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Multi-Racial, and Unable to Determine. Median time in care for Black children was longer than median time in care for other minority children and White children. On 9/30/10, 48% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.4	1.2	3,620
Black	12.8	1.5	1,281
Hispanic/Latino	11.4	1.3	2,122
Asian	14.9	1.3	160
Native American	8.7	0.7	13
Pacific Islander	----	----	1
Multi-Racial	6.9	1.3	397
Unable to Determine	6.1	0.8	323
Total	11.3	1.3	7,917

¹⁵ Hispanic/Latino includes children of any race.

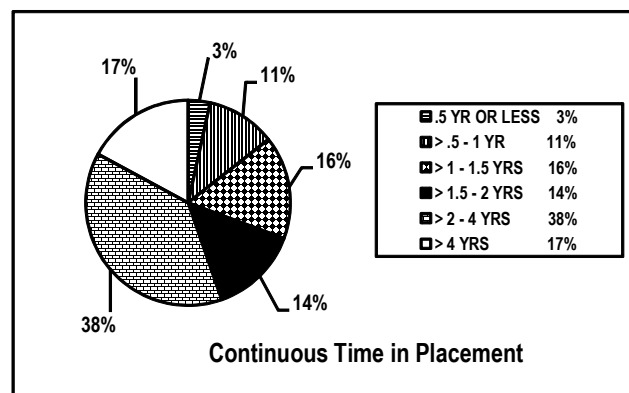
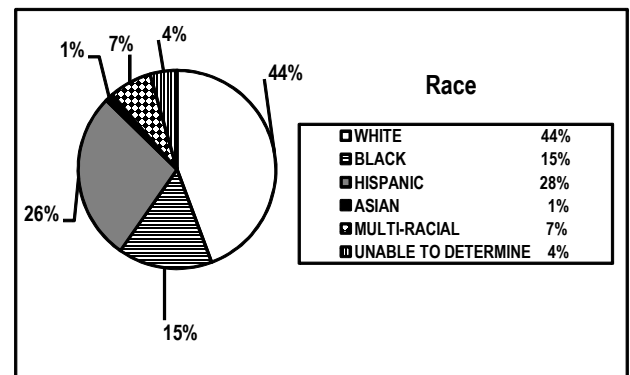
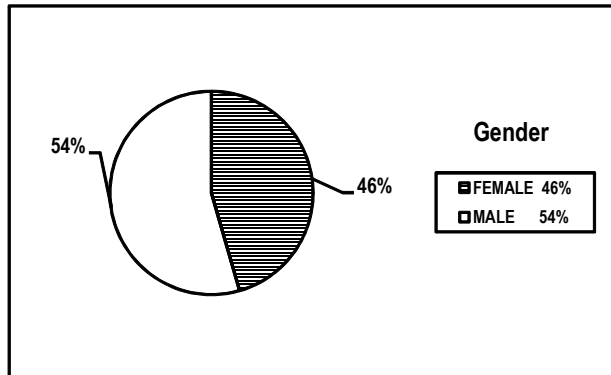
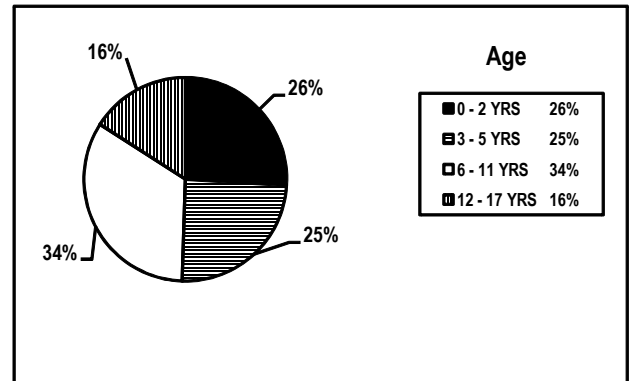
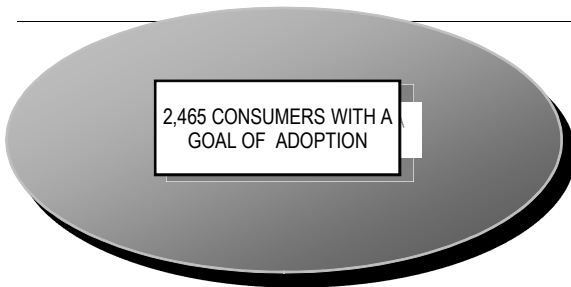
- The table below displays the median age and continuous time in care for all children less than 18 years old in placement on 9/30/2010. These children may have been in different types of placement prior to this quarter end-date.
- Excluding Pre-Adoptive foster children, Unrestricted and Kinship foster children are the youngest and have spent the least amount of time in continuous care. Pre-Adoptive foster children have the lowest median age but a relatively longer length of stay—waiting to be legally free for adoption.
- The slightly longer length of stays for Kinship and Child Specific foster children compared to Unrestricted foster children may be related to greater placement stability.
- The 13 children in Independent Living have the highest median age but have spent a relatively shorter time in continuous care. These children are all less than 18 years old and have probably had a break in continuous care prior to entering the independent living program. This analysis does not include children 18 years or older in the independent living program.
- Children in contracted Intensive Foster Care were older and had spent more time in continuous care compared to children in other types of foster care.
- Congregate care children were older and had spent more time in continuous placement than most foster children. Children in the different congregate care programs were similar in age but differed in their length of stay. The STARR program is a short-term residential placement service; this is reflected in the 0.1 year median length of stay.

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement			
Placement Type as of 9/30/2010	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
Foster Care:			
Unrestricted	6.0	0.8	1,927
Kinship	6.2	1.1	1,593
Child Specific	9.8	1.5	453
Pre-Adoptive	4.2	2.1	444
Independent Living	17.7	1.1	13
IFC (contracted)	14.0	1.9	1,669
Congregate Care:			
Group Home	15.4	1.6	635
Residential	15.2	2.4	510
STARR	15.1	0.1	335
On the Run & Non-Referral Locations	-----	-----	338
Total	11.3	1.3	7,917

D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,465 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,092 (44%) were White, 379 (15%) were Black, 679 (28%) were Hispanic/Latino, 33 (1%) were Asian, 2 (<1%) were Native American, and 172 (7%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 108 (4%) consumers. (**Table 14** on page 30, **Fig. 17** on page 35)
- The age distribution of 2,465 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 34% age 6-11 years, and 16% age 12-17 years. (**Table 15** on page 30, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-four percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 46% were female. (**Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-five percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16** on page 30, **Fig. 17**)
- Fifty-one percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 16**)

**FIGURE 17. AGE, GENDER, RACE, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁶ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). From June 2001 to June 2009, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has fluctuated between 26-29%. On 6/30/2010, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption rose to 31%. (See table below)

Children Less than 18 Years Old in Placement

Date mo/yr	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,503	3,393	32%
6/99	9,834	3,107	32%
6/00	10,025	3,175	32%
6/01	9,889	2,860	29%
6/02	9,932	2,837	29%
6/03	10,127	2,861	28%
6/04	9,815	2,763	28%
6/05	9,439	2,573	27%
6/06	9,543	2,452	26%
6/07	9,132	2,549	28%
6/08	9,287	2,494	27%
6/09	8,755	2,525	29%
6/10	8,097	2,478	31%
9/10	7,917	2,464	31%

NOTES: Children are less than 18 years old
Revised statistics as of 1/31/2011

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

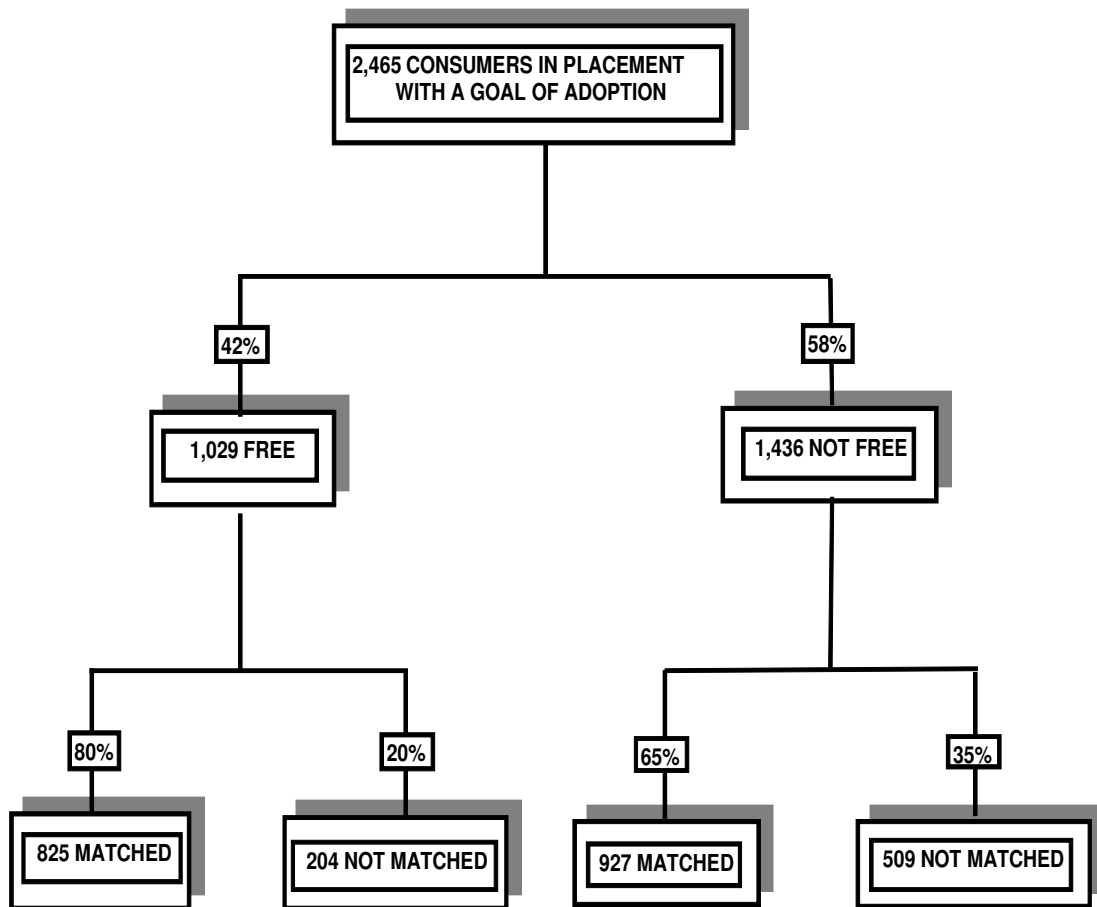
- Of the 2,465 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 42% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 18** on next page)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2010 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Children in Placement 9/30/10			
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	267	640	42%
3 – 5	251	604	42%
6 – 11	328	828	40%
12 – 17	183	392	47%
Total	1,029	2,464	42%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

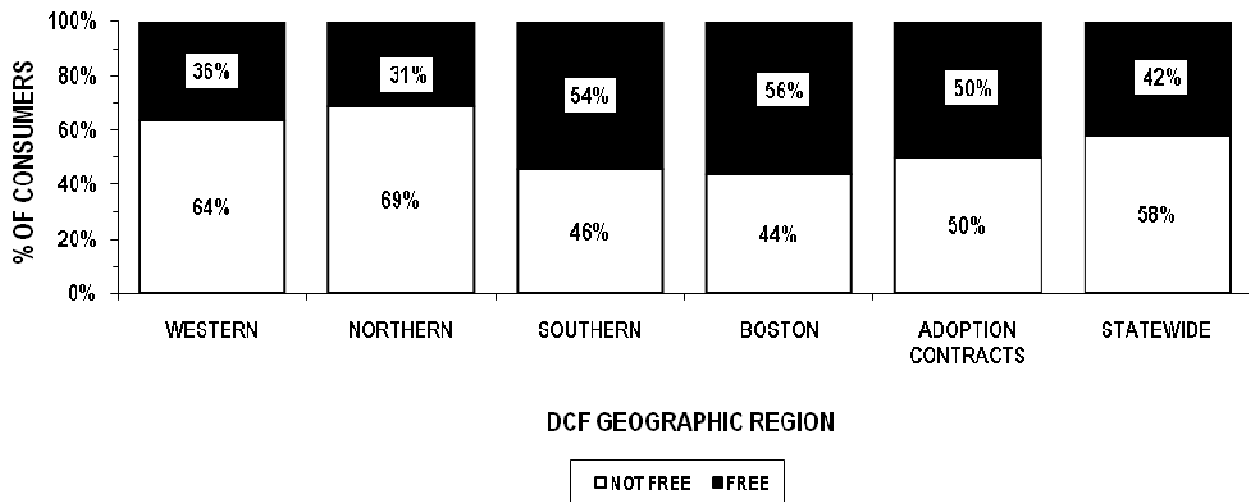
- Of those children with a goal of adoption who were not legally free for adoption (58%), 65% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 18**).
- Boston and the Southern Region had the highest proportions (56% and 54%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 31% in the North to 56% in Boston (**Fig. 19** on page 39). On an area office basis, Cape Cod (69%), Plymouth (68%), and Cambridge (65%) had the highest proportions of legally free children (**Appendix Table A8** on page 70).
- The Southern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (84% and 75%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 53% in the North to 84% in the South (**Fig. 20** on page 39). Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. Areas with the highest proportions of children matched to a permanent family were Arlington (96%), Van Wart (91%), and Holyoke (90%) (**Appendix Table A9** on page 71).

**FIGURE 18. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

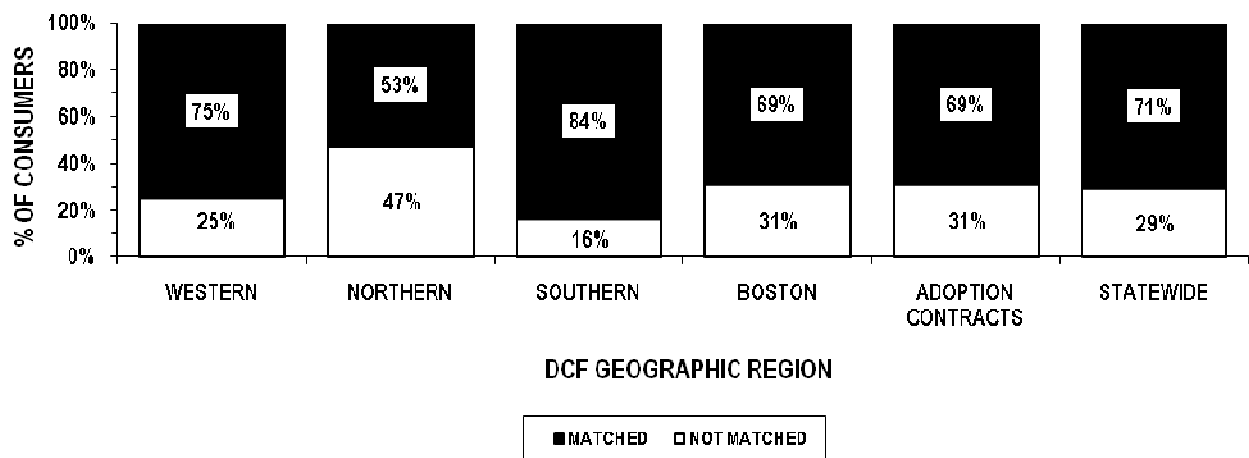


Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 19. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

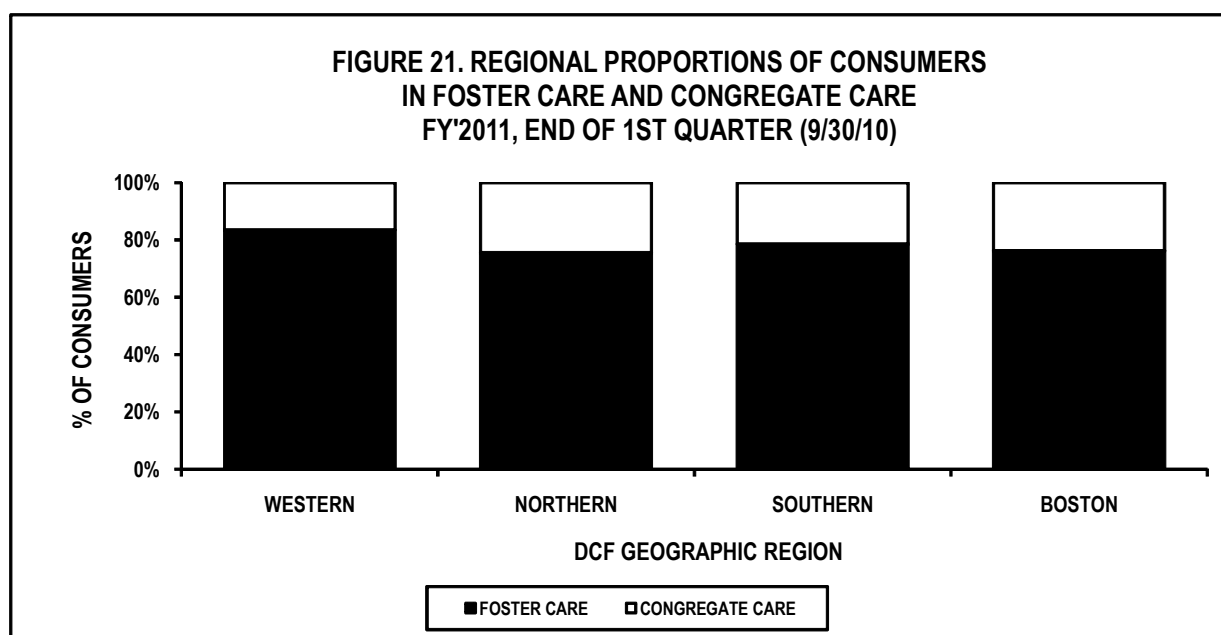


**FIGURE 20. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



E. Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,305 consumers in foster care and 1,814 consumers in congregate care¹⁷ on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011. Foster care and congregate care populations were highest in the Western Region (2,761 and 545, respectively). (**Table 17A** on page 42, **Fig. 21** below)



- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (28-33% range across regions). Among regions, the West had the highest number of adolescents in foster care, 898. (**Table 17A**)
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 64% to 75% across the regions. The Western, Southern, and Northern Regions had similar numbers of adolescents in congregate care, 372, 367, and 364, respectively. (**Table 17A**)
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations¹⁸ were primarily adolescents (73-83% regional range). (**Table 17A**)
- The foster care racial proportions ranged from: White—20% in Boston to 58% in the South; Black—11% in the North to 47% in Boston; and Hispanic/Latino—15% in the South to 33% in the West (**Table 18A** on page 45). The congregate care racial proportions by region were similar to those for foster care (**Table 18A**).

¹⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

¹⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- There were 1,929 consumers in “Intensive” foster care¹⁹ (IFC) and 5,376 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38% of consumers), kinship (31%), child specific (9%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%).²⁰ (**Table 17B** on page 43)
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in all types of placement except independent living. Consumers in independent living were highest in the North. (**Fig. 22B** on page 48, **Table 17B**)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of foster care are displayed for each region in **Figure 22A** (page 48). Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West and South. The South and North had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West. The West had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the North and Boston as compared to the other regions. Boston and the North had the largest proportions of consumers in intensive foster care. (**Fig. 22A**)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (840 consumers), residential (637), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)²¹ (337 consumers). (**Table 17C** on page 44)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in **Figure 23A** (on page 49). The West and North had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston and the South. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southern and Western Regions. (**Fig. 23A, Table 17C**)
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the West and North. The South had the most consumers in the residential program. Consumers in the STARR program were highest in the West and South. (**Fig. 23B** on page 49, **Table 17C**)
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.²² (**Table 17C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (395 consumers), group home (304), and independent living (141). (**Table 17C**)

¹⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

²⁰ The Departmental foster care category of independent living represents payment of the foster care rate directly to youth to subsidize their room and board expenses.

²¹ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

²² Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).

**TABLE 17A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Placement Location of Consumers						Total No.
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		2,761		545		103		3,409
	(0 - 2 yrs)	545	20%	---	---	4	4%	549
	(3 - 5 yrs)	420	15%	1	*	1	1%	422
	(6 - 11 yrs)	554	20%	78	14%	8	8%	640
	(12 - 17 yrs)	898	33%	372	68%	85	83%	1,355
	18 or older	344	12%	94	17%	5	5%	443
Northern		1,623		523		115		2,261
	(0 - 2 yrs)	276	17%	1	*	1	1%	278
	(3 - 5 yrs)	195	12%	4	1%	2	2%	201
	(6 - 11 yrs)	316	19%	47	9%	11	10%	374
	(12 - 17 yrs)	500	31%	364	70%	89	77%	953
	18 or older	336	21%	107	20%	12	10%	455
Southern		1,799		490		81		2,370
	(0 - 2 yrs)	365	20%	1	*	3	4%	369
	(3 - 5 yrs)	282	16%	4	1%	4	5%	290
	(6 - 11 yrs)	349	19%	44	9%	9	11%	402
	(12 - 17 yrs)	501	28%	367	75%	59	73%	927
	18 or older	302	17%	74	15%	6	7%	382
Boston		806		252		63		1,121
	(0 - 2 yrs)	152	19%	---	---	2	3%	154
	(3 - 5 yrs)	93	12%	2	1%	---	---	95
	(6 - 11 yrs)	129	16%	30	12%	2	3%	161
	(12 - 17 yrs)	251	31%	161	64%	49	78%	461
	18 or older	181	22%	59	23%	10	16%	250
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		246		4		1		251
	(0 - 2 yrs)	37	15%	---	---	---	---	37
	(3 - 5 yrs)	61	25%	---	---	---	---	61
	(6 - 11 yrs)	105	43%	3	75%	1	100%	109
	(12 - 17 yrs)	43	17%	1	25%	---	---	44
Other ⁽⁴⁾		70		---		24		94
	(6 - 11 yrs)	3	4%	---	---	---	---	3
	(12 - 17 yrs)	24	34%	---	---	8	33%	32
	18 or older	43	61%	---	---	16	67%	59
Total		7,305		1,814		387		9,506

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ Age Group		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		665	35	233	181	564	202	881	2,761
(0 - 2 yrs)		14	6	36	---	133	82	274	545
(3 - 5 yrs)		26	---	34	---	139	57	164	420
(6 - 11 yrs)		119	---	59	---	147	46	183	554
(12 - 17 yrs)		422	22	82	6	130	17	219	898
18 or older		84	7	22	175	15	---	41	344
Northern		428	42	88	242	388	70	365	1,623
(0 - 2 yrs)		36	4	15	---	85	22	114	276
(3 - 5 yrs)		38	6	5	---	76	18	52	195
(6 - 11 yrs)		79	7	24	---	108	21	77	316
(12 - 17 yrs)		230	14	33	5	106	9	103	500
18 or older		45	11	11	237	13	---	19	336
Southern		433	10	127	155	462	87	525	1,799
(0 - 2 yrs)		30	---	16	---	115	38	166	365
(3 - 5 yrs)		43	1	24	---	110	21	83	282
(6 - 11 yrs)		80	---	30	---	110	20	109	349
(12 - 17 yrs)		213	2	39	1	106	8	132	501
18 or older		67	7	18	154	21	---	35	302
Boston		236	6	36	112	186	42	188	806
(0 - 2 yrs)		15	3	8	---	50	14	62	152
(3 - 5 yrs)		18	---	5	---	40	14	16	93
(6 - 11 yrs)		43	1	4	---	43	13	25	129
(12 - 17 yrs)		121	2	13	1	49	1	64	251
18 or older		39	---	6	111	4	---	21	181
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		70	4	22	---	46	43	61	246
(0 - 2 yrs)		4	2	1	---	10	7	13	37
(3 - 5 yrs)		13	1	6	---	15	12	14	61
(6 - 11 yrs)		29	1	9	---	18	18	30	105
(12 - 17 yrs)		24	---	6	---	3	6	4	43
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	4	26	---	---	40	70
(6 - 11 yrs)		---	---	1	---	---	---	2	3
(12 - 17 yrs)		---	---	3	---	---	---	21	24
18 or older		---	---	---	26	---	---	17	43
Total		1,832	97	510	716	1,646	444	2,060	7,305

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (22 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (44 consumers).

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 17C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (09/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western	171	88	22	143	6	115	545
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	20	10	---	24	---	24	78
(12 - 17 yrs)	140	44	---	96	3	89	372
18 or older	11	34	22	23	3	1	94
Northern	102	92	71	170	4	84	523
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	4	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	23	2	---	19	1	2	47
(12 - 17 yrs)	74	73	18	119	3	77	364
18 or older	5	17	53	32	---	---	107
Southern	74	82	24	196	7	107	490
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	3	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	15	1	---	19	---	9	44
(12 - 17 yrs)	56	68	10	134	6	93	367
18 or older	3	12	14	43	1	1	74
Boston	48	41	24	102	8	29	252
(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	1	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	4	---	10	---	4	30
(12 - 17 yrs)	29	29	4	70	5	24	161
18 or older	6	8	20	22	3	---	59
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	1	---	1	---	2	4
(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	2	3
(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Total	395	304	141	612	25	337	1,814

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes Non-766 (1), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (23), other (1).

⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE 18A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic		Placement Location of Consumers						Total
		Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		
Region ⁽¹⁾	Race	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
Western		2,761		545		103		3,409
	White	1,243	45%	284	52%	42	41%	1,569
	Black	331	12%	62	11%	11	11%	404
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	906	33%	175	32%	42	41%	1,123
	Asian	17	1%	3	1%	1	1%	21
	Native American	5	*	---	---	---	---	5
	Multi-Racial	135	5%	12	2%	4	4%	151
	Unable to Determine	124	4%	9	2%	3	3%	136
Northern		1,623		523		115		2,261
	White	793	49%	257	49%	56	49%	1,106
	Black	186	11%	62	12%	12	10%	260
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	446	27%	158	30%	33	29%	637
	Asian	77	5%	19	4%	8	7%	104
	Native American	2	*	1	*	---	---	3
	Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	1	*	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	72	4%	15	3%	4	3%	91
	Unable to Determine	47	3%	10	2%	2	2%	59
Southern		1,799		490		81		2,370
	White	1,045	58%	292	60%	53	65%	1,390
	Black	287	16%	90	18%	10	12%	387
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	267	15%	62	13%	8	10%	337
	Asian	8	*	3	1%	6	7%	17
	Native American	4	*	2	*	---	---	6
	Multi-Racial	119	7%	23	5%	2	2%	144
	Unable to Determine	69	4%	18	4%	2	2%	89
Boston		806		252		63		1,121
	White	161	20%	36	14%	8	13%	205
	Black	376	47%	127	50%	30	48%	533
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	195	24%	70	28%	18	29%	283
	Asian	22	3%	7	3%	3	5%	32
	Multi-Racial	20	2%	4	2%	1	2%	25
	Unable to Determine	32	4%	8	3%	3	5%	43
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		246		4		1		251
	White	73	30%	3	75%	1	100%	77
	Black	43	17%	---	---	---	---	43
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	90	37%	1	25%	---	---	91
	Asian	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3
	Multi-Racial	20	8%	---	---	---	---	20
	Unable to Determine	17	7%	---	---	---	---	17
Other ⁽⁶⁾		70		---		24		94
	White	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
	Black	30	43%	---	---	3	13%	33
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽³⁾	11	16%	---	---	18	75%	29
	Asian	27	39%	---	---	3	13%	30
	Unable to Determine	1	1%	---	---	---	---	1
Total		7,305		1,814		387		9,506

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽⁵⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Region ⁽¹⁾	Race Group	Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Specific	Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
Western		665	35	233	181	564	202	881	2,761
	White	263	19	131	84	297	98	351	1,243
	Black	104	3	23	30	56	10	105	331
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	250	10	56	55	143	73	319	906
	Asian	5	1	1	2	2	---	6	17
	Native American	---	---	---	---	3	---	2	5
	Multi-Racial	29	1	13	7	31	9	45	135
	Unable to Determine	14	1	9	3	32	12	53	124
Northern		428	42	88	242	388	70	365	1,623
	White	173	20	42	122	240	39	157	793
	Black	56	5	3	50	23	7	42	186
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	143	15	24	55	86	15	108	446
	Asian	20	---	2	12	17	1	25	77
	Native American	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	Multi-Racial	20	2	9	3	14	3	21	72
	Unable to Determine	14	0	8	---	8	5	12	47
Southern		433	10	127	155	462	87	525	1,799
	White	235	7	66	100	290	59	288	1,045
	Black	77	2	21	25	62	10	90	287
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	84	---	20	20	53	6	84	267
	Asian	3	---	2	1	---	---	2	8
	Native American	1	---	1	---	2	---	---	4
	Multi-Racial	20	1	10	7	34	7	40	119
	Unable to Determine	13	---	7	2	21	5	21	69
Boston		236	6	36	112	186	42	188	806
	White	47	1	6	26	47	15	19	161
	Black	105	4	17	61	79	11	99	376
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	64	---	9	20	44	10	48	195
	Asian	5	1	1	3	3	1	8	22
	Multi-Racial	6	---	2	---	3	1	8	20
	Unable to Determine	9	---	1	2	10	4	6	32
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁵⁾		70	4	22	---	46	43	61	246
	White	21	---	4	---	12	15	21	73
	Black	15	1	5	---	10	5	7	43
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	29	3	10	---	18	10	20	90
	Asian	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	3
	Multi-Racial	2	---	1	---	5	5	7	20
	Unable to Determine	3	---	2	---	1	6	5	17
Other ⁽⁶⁾		---	---	4	26	---	---	40	70
	White	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
	Black	---	---	2	13	---	---	15	30
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	8	---	---	3	11
	Asian	---	---	2	3	---	---	22	27
	Unable to Determine	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
Total		1,832	97	510	716	1,646	444	2,060	7,305

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (18 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (35 consumers).

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

⁽⁵⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 18C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - RACE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (09/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾ Race		Congregate Care						Total
		Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
Western		171	88	22	143	6	115	545
	White	79	49	5	78	2	71	284
	Black	23	9	5	15	---	10	62
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	59	27	10	45	4	30	175
	Asian	1	---	---	1	---	1	3
	Native American	7	1	2	1	---	1	12
	Unable to Determine	2	2		3	---	2	9
Northern		102	92	71	170	4	84	523
	White	53	48	28	92	2	34	257
	Black	11	18	11	14	---	8	62
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	33	18	28	46	2	31	158
	Asian	1	2	3	6	---	7	19
	Native American	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
	Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	1	---	---	1
	Multi-Racial	1	4	1	5	---	4	15
	Unable to Determine	2	2		6	---	---	10
Southern		74	82	24	196	7	107	490
	White	42	55	14	118	3	60	292
	Black	17	13	7	33	1	19	90
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	8	6	3	27	3	15	62
	Asian	1	1	---	1	---	---	3
	Native American	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	Multi-Racial	4	6	---	7	---	6	23
	Unable to Determine	2	---	---	10	---	6	18
Boston		48	41	24	102	8	29	252
	White	5	9	3	12	1	6	36
	Black	27	21	12	52	4	11	127
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	12	9	8	29	3	9	70
	Asian	1	2	---	3	---	1	7
	Multi-Racial	1	---	1	1	---	1	4
	Unable to Determine	2	---	---	5	---	1	8
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁶⁾		---	1	---	1	---	2	4
	White	---	---	---	1	---	2	3
	Hispanic/Latino ⁽⁴⁾	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Total		395	304	141	612	25	337	1,814

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes Non-766 (1), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (23), other (1).

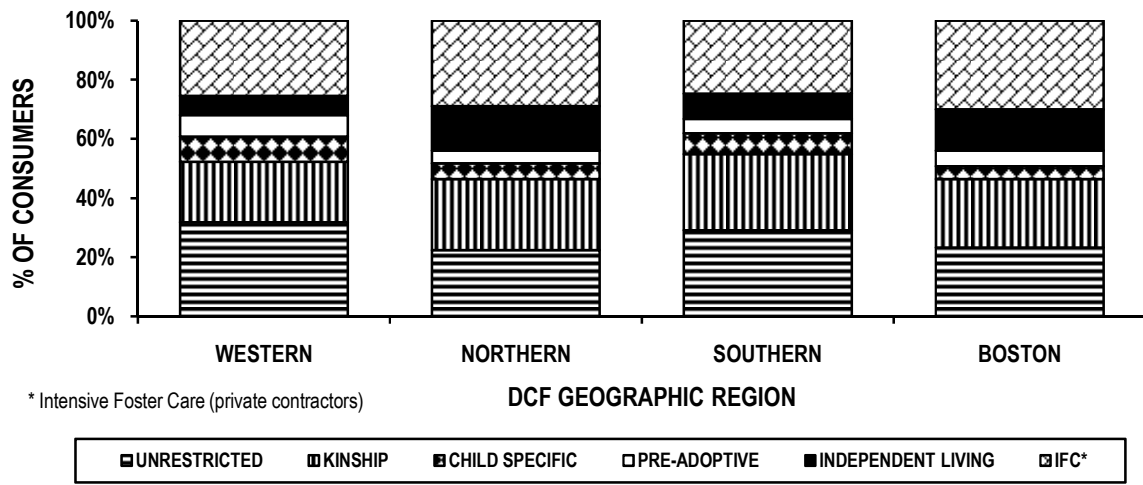
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races.

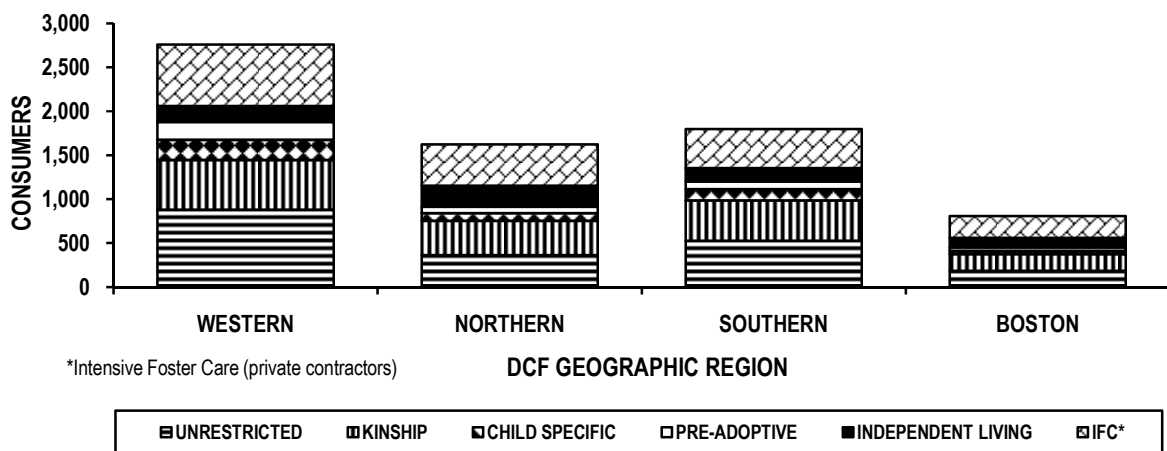
⁽⁵⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

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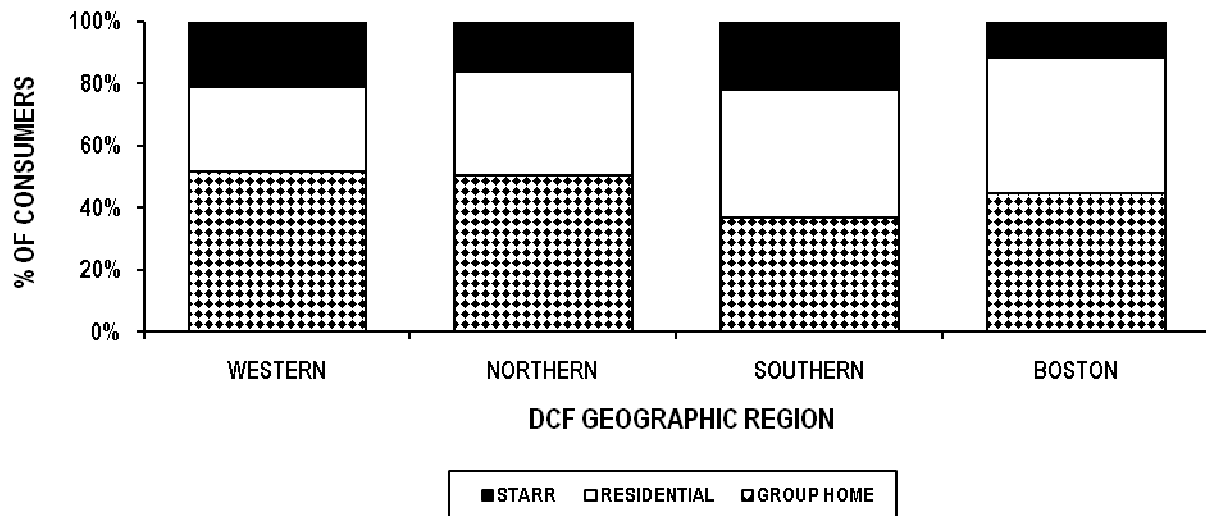
**FIGURE 22A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



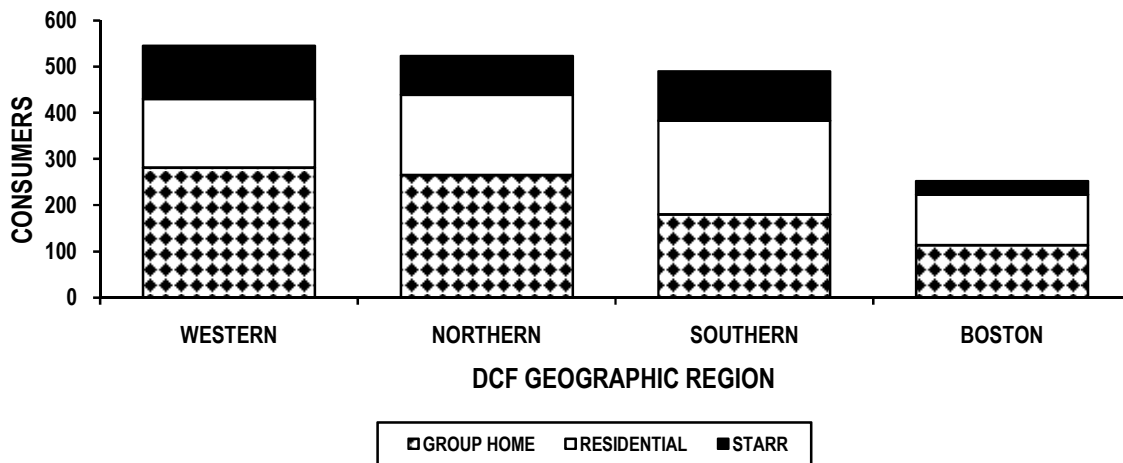
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FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



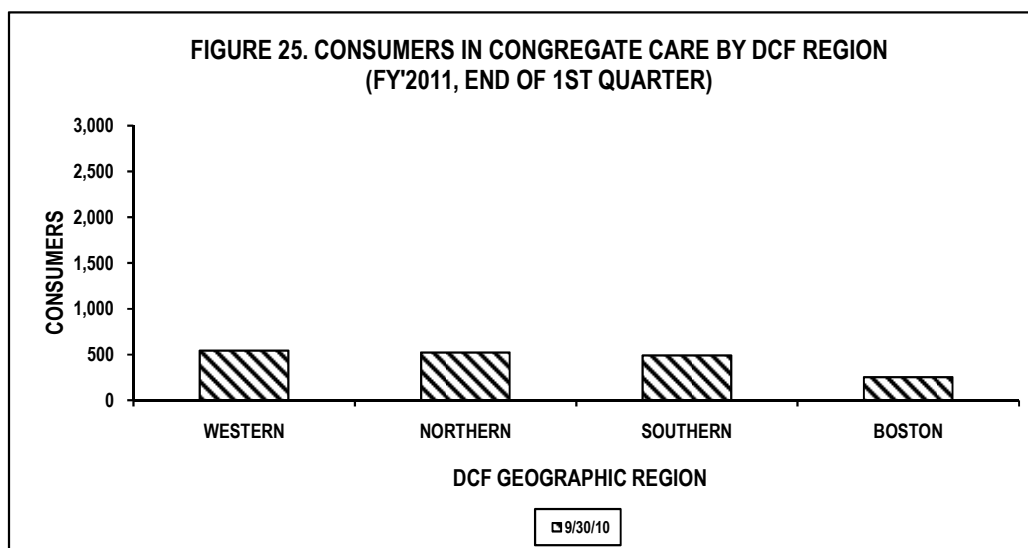
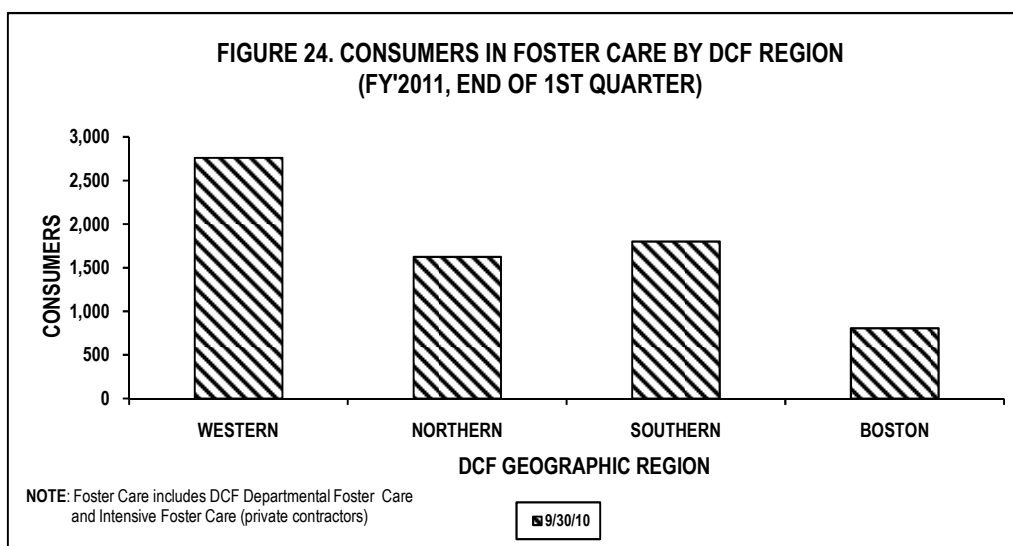
**FIGURE 23A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



**FIGURE 23B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**



- From the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, the number of children in foster care declined by 2% and in congregate care by 4%.²³
- Declines in statewide numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 1st quarter (and 2nd quarter over the past 4 years). Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since 1995 (**Fig. 13** on page 22, **Appendix Table 1** on page 64).
- Statewide declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occur predominantly in the 1st quarter. The declines in total consumers and children not in placement coincided with the pattern for investigations and initial assessments.



²³ Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

F. Independent Living

Of the 7,305 children placed in foster care, 716 were in the Departmental foster care category of “Independent Living.” These children are in a school or vocational program and need financial support to transition to independent living. They receive foster care payments directly to pay for room and board expenses as long as they fully participate in an educational or vocational program, and meet with their social worker as arranged. Substitute care services (voluntary placement agreement) may be extended to the youth’s 23rd birthday if it is demonstrated that without DCF financial support the student will not complete a Bachelor’s program. On 9/30/2010, the ages of these children ranged from 17 to 23 years old.

Of the 1,814 children placed in congregate care, 141 were in the group home category of “Independent Living.” This placement location includes group homes as well as supervised or supported apartments designed for older adolescents who are developing the skills to live in the community in their own homes or apartments. On 9/30/2010, the ages of these children ranged from 16 to 21 years old.

- The Northern Region had the highest number of independent living children (242 in foster care and 71 in group homes). (See table below).
- Of the 716 youth in Departmental foster care, 98% were 18 years or older, 64% were female, 47% were White, 25% were Black, 22% were Hispanic/Latino, and 75% had spent more than 2 years in continuous substitute care. (See table on next page)

Regional Distribution of Youth in the Independent Living Program

Departmental Foster Care		DCF Region	Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
181	25%	Western	22	16%
242	34%	Northern	71	50%
155	22%	Southern	24	17%
112	16%	Boston	24	17%
26	4%	Central Office	---	---
716	100%	TOTAL	141	100%

Note: percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding-off

Demographic Profile of Youth in the Independent Living Program

Departmental Foster Care			Group Home	
No.	%		No.	%
<i>Age Group</i>				
13	2%	12-17 years	32	23%
703	98%	18 years or Older	109	77%
<i>Gender</i>				
258	36%	Male	67	48%
458	64%	Female	74	52%
<i>Race</i>				
333	47%	White	50	35%
179	25%	Black	35	25%
158	22%	Hispanic/Latino	49	35%
21	3%	Asian	3	2%
17	2%	Multi-Racial	4	3%
8	1%	Undetermined	---	---
<i>Continuous Time in Care</i>				
96	13%	1 year or less	18	13%
88	12%	>1 – 2 years	12	9%
220	31%	>2 – 4 years	39	28%
312	44%	>4 years	72	51%

G. Children in Kinship Placement²⁴

It is the policy of DCF that all placements are made in accordance with permanency planning objectives. From the time a child is placed, a plan is developed for returning the child home, or, if that is not possible, for identifying an alternative permanent home. DCF always gives first consideration to placement with a relative or member of the child's extended family.

- Statewide, 20% of all children in placement were in kinship care. The Dimock Street and Fall River area offices had the highest proportions of placement children in kinship—35% and 31%, respectively. (**Table 19A** on next page)
- Statewide, 24% of White, 17% of Black, and 16% of Hispanic/Latino children in placement were in kinship placements. (**Table 19B** on page 55)
- Of those area offices with more than 40 Hispanic children in placement, Dimock Street (30%), Pittsfield (28%), and Greenfield (26%) had the largest proportions of Hispanic/Latino children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)
- Of those area offices with more than 40 Black children in placement, Dimock Street (38%), Fall River (24%), and New Bedford (20%) had the largest proportions of Black children in kinship care. (**Table 19B**)

²⁴ Children are less than 18 years old.

**TABLE 19A. CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENT AS A PROPORTION OF ALL CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT:
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Region/Area	Kinship	Total Children in Placement	% in Kinship
Greenfield	55	274	20%
Holyoke	50	359	14%
North Central	75	323	23%
Pittsfield	102	346	29%
Robert Van Wart	72	375	19%
South Central	43	236	18%
Springfield	50	424	12%
Worcester East	58	315	18%
Worcester West	44	307	14%
Contracted Agencies	---	7	---
Western	549	2,966	19%
Cambridge	31	138	22%
Cape Ann	34	182	19%
Framingham	42	195	22%
Haverhill	46	176	26%
Lawrence	31	200	16%
Lowell	111	429	26%
Lynn	60	272	22%
Malden	20	213	9%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---
Northern	375	1,806	21%
Arlington	36	157	23%
Brockton	43	235	18%
Cape Cod	36	213	17%
Coastal	43	203	21%
Fall River	119	382	31%
New Bedford	73	402	18%
Plymouth	43	218	20%
Taunton/Attleboro	48	175	27%
Contracted Agencies	---	3	---
Southern	441	1,988	22%
Dimock Street	79	225	35%
Harbor	33	215	15%
Hyde Park	31	192	16%
Park Street	38	235	16%
Contracted Agencies	1	4	25%
Boston	182	871	21%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	46	251	18%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	35	---
Total	1,593	7,917	20%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts and Division of Field Ops. and Support.

**TABLE 19B. RACE OF CHILDREN ⁽¹⁾ IN KINSHIP PLACEMENTS COMPARED TO ALL PLACEMENTS:
FY'2011, END OF 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Region/ Area Office	Children in Kinship			Total Children in Placement			% Kinship Placements		
	Race			Race			Race		
	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾	White	Black	Hispanic ⁽²⁾
Greenfield	36	1	12	193	8	47	19%	13%	26%
Holyoke	19	3	23	102	28	198	19%	11%	12%
North Central	51	2	12	183	25	88	28%	8%	14%
Pittsfield	66	11	13	230	24	47	29%	46%	28%
Robert Van Wart	37	8	16	178	45	111	21%	18%	14%
South Central	28	---	10	174	8	39	16%	---	26%
Springfield	4	22	17	49	119	226	8%	18%	8%
Worcester East	25	4	23	118	36	126	21%	11%	18%
Worcester West	20	2	17	137	30	107	15%	7%	16%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	1	1	---	---	---
Western	286	53	143	1,365	324	990	21%	16%	14%
Cambridge	14	3	10	62	33	29	23%	9%	34%
Cape Ann	25	---	8	127	11	33	20%	---	24%
Framingham	29	1	10	111	27	38	26%	4%	26%
Haverhill	37	2	5	122	8	34	30%	25%	15%
Lawrence	7	---	23	47	4	144	15%	---	16%
Lowell	68	4	18	177	23	127	38%	17%	14%
Lynn	36	9	9	108	31	87	33%	29%	10%
Malden	16	4	---	120	43	29	13%	9%	---
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---
Northern	232	23	83	874	181	521	27%	13%	16%
Arlington	19	5	6	81	25	32	23%	20%	19%
Brockton	24	11	3	93	83	29	26%	13%	10%
Cape Cod	25	---	2	137	18	17	18%	---	12%
Coastal	28	3	5	134	33	12	21%	9%	42%
Fall River	72	14	13	200	58	72	36%	24%	18%
New Bedford	45	12	10	207	61	99	22%	20%	10%
Plymouth	32	3	7	163	21	14	20%	14%	50%
Taunton/Attleboro	34	7	5	130	15	17	26%	47%	29%
Contracted Agencies	---	---	---	1	1	1	---	---	---
Southern	279	55	51	1,146	315	293	24%	17%	17%
Dimock St.	9	47	17	26	123	56	35%	38%	30%
Harbor	18	3	9	87	26	75	21%	12%	12%
Hyde Park	8	13	8	17	133	31	47%	10%	26%
Park St.	12	13	8	27	120	59	44%	11%	14%
Contracted Agencies	---	1	---	1	3	---	---	33%	---
Boston	47	77	42	158	405	221	30%	19%	19%
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	12	10	18	77	43	91	16%	23%	20%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	13	6	---	---	---
Total	856	218	337	3,620	1,281	2,122	24%	17%	16%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

⁽²⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts and Division of Field Ops. and Support.

VI. CONSUMERS ENTERING AND LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, 1,703 consumers entered placement and 1,844 consumers left placement.²⁵ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Table 20 on page 57, Table 21 on page 58)
- Compared to the 4th quarter of FY'2010, there was an 11% decrease in consumers entering placement and an 11% decline in consumers leaving placement during the 1st Quarter of FY'2011.

A. Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²⁶ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 54% in Boston to 63% in the West. (Table 20, Fig. 26 on page 57)
- The 1,703 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 39% (West), 26% (South), 25% (North), and 10% (Boston). (Table 20)
- Across the state, 69% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 26% were placed in congregate care,²⁷ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁸
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 59% in the North to 79% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 19% in the West to 34% in the North. (Table 20, Fig. 27 on page 58)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-three percent of first-time entrants and 62% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 32% of re-entrants and 22% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 20)

²⁵ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²⁶ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²⁷ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

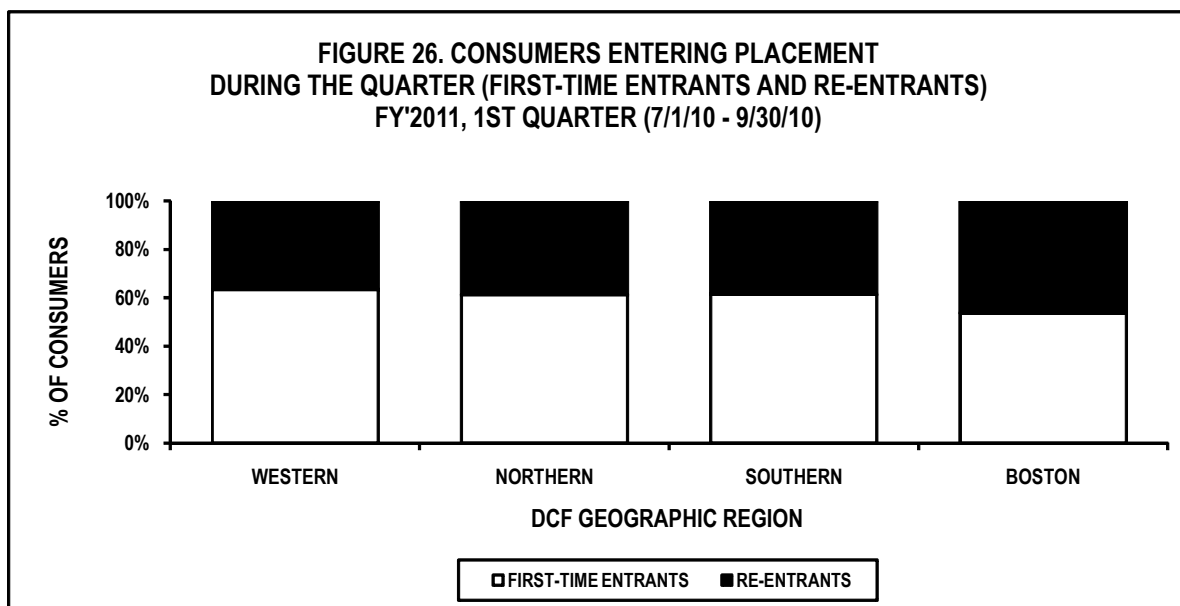
²⁸ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

**TABLE 20. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**

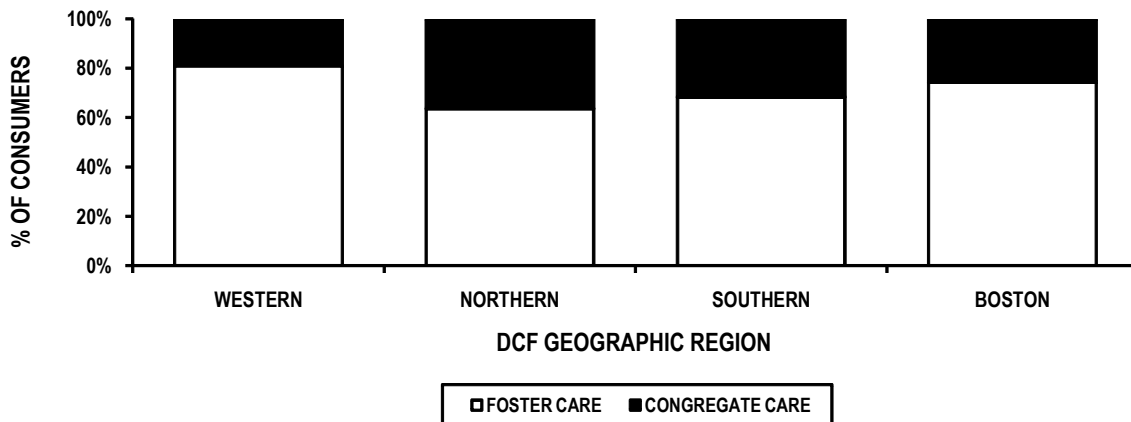
Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region					Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	416	258	273	90	11	1,048
Foster Care	339	166	193	68	2	768
Congregate Care	66	78	68	21	---	233
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	11	14	12	1	9	47
Re-Entrants:	241	163	172	78	1	655
Foster Care	178	83	97	51	---	409
Congregate Care	56	64	67	20	---	207
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	7	16	8	7	1	39
Total	657	421	445	168	12	1,703

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.



**FIGURE 27. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**



B. Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 65% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 62% in the South to 69% in the North. **(Table 21)**
- Statewide, 8% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 10% were emancipated, and 4% were granted guardianships. **(Table 21)**
- The proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 6% in both Boston and the North to 11% in the West. The proportion emancipated ranged from 8% in the West to 12% in the South. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 3% in Boston to 4% in each of the other 3 regions. **(Table 21)**

**TABLE 21. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region				Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	Western	Northern	Southern	Boston		
Child Returned Home	444	330	297	127	---	1,198
Child 18 or Older	58	50	55	22	5	190
Consumer Adopted	75	30	38	11	---	154
Guardianship	26	18	20	6	---	70
Custody to Other Individual	29	13	16	10	---	68
Child on the Run	2	2	5	2	---	11
Custody to Other Agency	4	3	---	---	---	7
Consumer Deceased	1	---	---	---	---	1
Unspecified	49	33	47	16	---	145
Total	688	479	478	194	5	1,844

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

VII. FOSTER HOME DEMOGRAPHICS²⁹

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, there were 4,130 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes³⁰ as well as unrestricted homes.³¹ There were 1,822 restricted and 2,308 unrestricted foster homes at the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011. Unrestricted foster homes were at their highest number in 1998 (4,146) while restricted homes peaked in 2004 (2,576). (**Table 22 and Fig. 28** on next page)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2010, the proportion of restricted homes dropped from 51% to 47%. The proportion of restricted homes has been at 44% for the past four quarters. (**Fig. 28**)
- Statewide, 69% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 63% were married. (**Table 22, Table 23** on page 61)
- Statewide, 62% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 51% were married. (**Tables 22 and 23**)
- Eleven percent (445) of all foster homes were identified as Black (210 restricted and 235 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)
- Fifteen percent (599) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (232 restricted and 367 unrestricted). (**Table 22**)

²⁹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

³⁰ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

³¹ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

FIGURE 28. RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 1ST QUARTER OF FY'2011 (9/30/10)

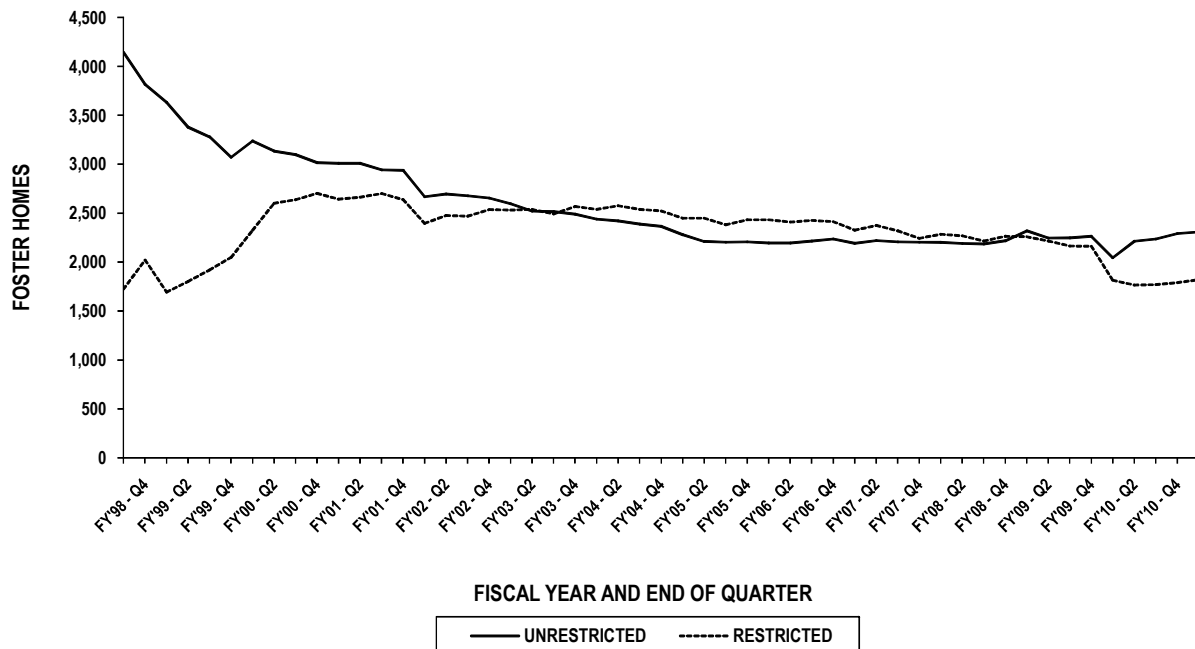


TABLE 22. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)

DCF Geographic Region											
Provider	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Total		
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted	651		417		592		162		1,822		
White	392	60%	269	65%	427	72%	33	20%	1,121	62%	
Black	50	8%	24	6%	48	8%	88	54%	210	12%	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	107	16%	63	15%	36	6%	26	16%	232	13%	
Asian	2	*	10	2%	3	1%	---	---	15	1%	
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	
Other ⁽²⁾	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	
Multi-Racial	5	1%	3	1%	3	1%	1	1%	12	1%	
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	93	14%	48	12%	74	13%	14	9%	229	13%	
Unrestricted	916		472		718		202		2,308		
White	627	68%	333	71%	569	79%	67	33%	1,596	69%	
Black	58	6%	30	6%	59	8%	88	44%	235	10%	
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	190	21%	76	16%	61	8%	40	20%	367	16%	
Asian	1	*	11	2%	1	*	1	*	14	1%	
Native American	---	---	---	---	4	1%	---	---	4	*	
Other ⁽²⁾	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	
Multi-Racial	4	*	2	*	4	1%	1	*	11	*	
Unable to Determine ⁽³⁾	33	4%	19	4%	19	3%	5	2%	76	3%	
Missing	2	*	1	*	1	*	---	---	4	*	
Total	1,567		889		1,310		364		4,130		

⁽¹⁾ Hispanic/Latino includes all races

⁽²⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽³⁾ Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

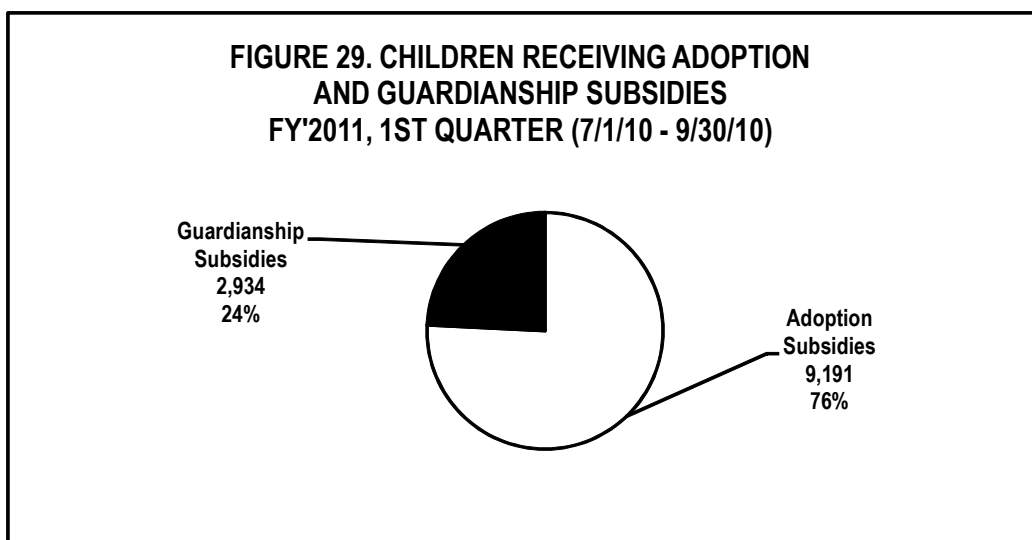
**TABLE 23. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region											
Provider Status	Western		Northern		Southern		Boston		Total		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted	651		417		592		162		1,822		
Married	356	55%	220	53%	321	54%	35	22%	932	51%	
Single	195	30%	117	28%	166	28%	93	57%	571	31%	
Divorced	63	10%	35	8%	59	10%	16	10%	173	9%	
Widowed	17	3%	28	7%	29	5%	10	6%	84	5%	
Separated	20	3%	16	4%	16	3%	8	5%	60	3%	
Unspecified	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	2	*	
Unrestricted	916		472		718		202		2,308		
Married	626	68%	284	60%	466	65%	71	35%	1,447	63%	
Single	160	17%	107	23%	133	19%	86	43%	486	21%	
Divorced	88	10%	58	12%	81	11%	27	13%	254	11%	
Widowed	21	2%	11	2%	23	3%	8	4%	63	3%	
Separated	20	2%	10	2%	13	2%	9	4%	52	2%	
Unspecified	1	*	2	*	2	*	1	*	6	*	
Total	1,567		889		1,310		364		4,130		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

VIII. ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDIES

At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,191 (**Fig. 29**). Guardianship subsidies totaled 2,934. These counts represent subsidies that had a payment during the quarter, i.e., the number of service referrals actively paying out.



From the 4th Quarter of FY'2010 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2011, adoption and guardianship subsidies declined 1% and 2%, respectively. Typically, adoption and guardianship subsidies fluctuate from -1 to 1% (See table below).

Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)					
		Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter		No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2007	1 st	9,713	---	2,970	---
	2 nd	9,808	1%	2,937	-1%
	3 rd	9,854	*	2,980	1%
	4 th	9,750	-1%	2,978	*
FY'2008	1 st	9,727	*	2,964	*
	2 nd	9,820	1%	2,971	*
	3 rd	9,812	*	2,992	1%
	4 th	9,706	-1%	2,996	*
FY'2009	1 st	9,665	*	3,005	*
	2 nd	9,709	*	3,031	1%
	3 rd	9,676	*	3,082	2%
	4 th	9,647	*	3,111	1%
FY'2010	1 st	9,549	-1%	3,090	-1%
	2 nd	9,604	1%	3,059	-1%
	3 rd	9,518	-1%	3,032	-1%
	4 th	9,311	-2%	3,006	-1%
FY'2011	1 st	9,191	-1%	2,934	-2%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

IX. APPENDIX

TABLE A1. CONSUMER, CHILD, AND ADULT POPULATION TRENDS: 1983 – 2010

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	All Adults >18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	28,270	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227	29,518
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	34,428	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,503	29,824
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	35,307	6/1999	69,494	39,144	9,834	30,350
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	34,258	6/2000	72,423	40,691	10,025	31,732
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	28,536	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,889	33,047
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	28,866	6/2002	70,688	38,442	9,932	32,246
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	29,555	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,127	34,906
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	33,687	6/2004	77,368	42,023	9,815	35,345
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	34,053	6/2005	77,305	41,773	9,439	35,572
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	29,761	6/2006	78,014	41,690	9,543	36,324
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	29,684	6/2007	78,535	41,550	9,132	36,985
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	29,805	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,287	41,446
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	30,035	6/2009	88,568	46,288	8,755	42,280
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	30,087	6/2010	76,003	39,479	8,097	36,524
6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193	31,351	9/2010	71,691	37,179	7,917	34,512

Note: revised counts as of 1/31/2011

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-9/2010)

**TABLE A2. CASE OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Case Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	35	78%	3	7%	1	2%	---	---	6	13%	45
Holyoke	90	89%	1	1%	---	---	1	1%	9	9%	101
North Central	77	92%	1	1%	4	5%	2	2%	---	---	84
Pittsfield	52	81%	2	3%	8	13%	1	2%	1	2%	64
Robert Van Wart	116	89%	5	4%	2	2%	---	---	8	6%	131
South Central	76	84%	6	7%	4	4%	3	3%	1	1%	90
Springfield	104	86%	8	7%	1	1%	1	1%	7	6%	121
Worcester East	80	78%	8	8%	3	3%	6	6%	5	5%	102
Worcester West	58	94%	---	---	2	3%	---	---	2	3%	62
Contracted Agencies	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Western	690	86%	34	4%	25	3%	14	2%	39	5%	802
Cambridge	49	89%	1	2%	3	5%	2	4%	---	---	55
Cape Ann	30	63%	---	---	11	23%	4	8%	3	6%	48
Framingham	54	83%	7	11%	1	2%	1	2%	2	3%	65
Haverhill	40	75%	4	8%	4	8%	1	2%	4	8%	53
Lawrence	28	62%	10	22%	3	7%	---	---	4	9%	45
Lowell	70	80%	11	13%	1	1%	---	---	5	6%	87
Lynn	51	80%	2	3%	3	5%	1	2%	7	11%	64
Malden	71	82%	---	---	6	7%	6	7%	4	5%	87
Northern	393	78%	35	7%	32	6%	15	3%	29	6%	504
Arlington	38	84%	1	2%	6	13%	---	---	---	---	45
Brockton	85	78%	10	9%	---	---	1	1%	13	12%	109
Cape Cod	59	82%	---	---	9	13%	3	4%	1	1%	72
Coastal	74	90%	6	7%	1	1%	---	---	1	1%	82
Fall River	55	80%	6	9%	2	3%	1	1%	5	7%	69
New Bedford	97	92%	2	2%	2	2%	---	---	4	4%	105
Plymouth	74	87%	5	6%	3	4%	2	2%	1	1%	85
Taunton/Attleboro	51	75%	6	9%	6	9%	3	4%	2	3%	68
Southern	533	84%	36	6%	29	5%	10	2%	27	4%	635
Dimock Street	32	76%	9	21%	---	---	---	---	1	2%	42
Harbor	70	84%	5	6%	4	5%	2	2%	2	2%	83
Hyde Park	45	78%	6	10%	4	7%	1	2%	2	3%	58
Park Street	44	71%	1	2%	12	19%	---	---	5	8%	62
Boston	191	78%	21	9%	20	8%	3	1%	10	4%	245
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	100%	2
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	9	100%	---	---	---	---	9
Total:	1,807	82%	126	6%	115	5%	42	2%	107	5%	2,197

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE A3. CONSUMER OPENINGS⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY INTAKE TYPE AND DCF REGION:
FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)**

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Consumer Openings ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Protective ⁽²⁾		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Court Referrals		Other ⁽³⁾		
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	
Greenfield	318	90%	17	5%	6	2%	2	1%	9	3%	352
Holyoke	535	94%	9	2%	4	1%	4	1%	16	3%	568
North Central	430	87%	7	1%	19	4%	39	8%	---	---	495
Pittsfield	424	77%	12	2%	82	15%	32	6%	3	1%	553
Robert Van Wart	729	91%	44	5%	14	2%	---	---	18	2%	805
South Central	398	86%	36	8%	9	2%	20	4%	1	*	464
Springfield	752	92%	39	5%	11	1%	4	*	12	1%	818
Worcester	16	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	16
Worcester East	537	78%	70	10%	27	4%	41	6%	10	1%	685
Worcester West	370	94%	---	---	4	1%	12	3%	7	2%	393
Contracted Agencies	6	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6
Western	4,515	88%	234	5%	176	3%	154	3%	76	1%	5,155
Cambridge	247	88%	5	2%	22	8%	7	2%	---	---	281
Cape Ann	250	78%	---	---	31	10%	39	12%	2	1%	322
Framingham	249	82%	26	9%	15	5%	14	5%	1	*	305
Haverhill	302	83%	16	4%	22	6%	15	4%	10	3%	365
Lawrence	229	77%	49	16%	4	1%	11	4%	6	2%	299
Lowell	511	83%	71	12%	16	3%	---	---	14	2%	612
Lynn	359	88%	15	4%	10	2%	6	1%	17	4%	407
Malden	436	92%	---	---	8	2%	21	4%	7	1%	472
Northern	2,583	84%	182	6%	128	4%	113	4%	57	2%	3,063
Arlington	222	80%	11	4%	40	14%	3	1%	---	---	276
Brockton	530	85%	62	10%	14	2%	7	1%	12	2%	625
Cape Cod	299	83%	6	2%	35	10%	13	4%	6	2%	359
Coastal	430	91%	39	8%	1	*	1	*	2	*	473
Fall River	343	86%	43	11%	4	1%	4	1%	7	2%	401
New Bedford	792	94%	21	3%	13	2%	---	---	14	2%	840
Plymouth	405	82%	56	11%	18	4%	14	3%	---	---	493
Contracted Agencies	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Taunton/Attleboro	278	77%	26	7%	36	10%	11	3%	10	3%	361
Southern	3,303	1	264	0	161	0	53	0	51	0	3,832
Dimock Street	196	81%	40	17%	1	*	3	1%	1	*	241
Harbor	389	88%	36	8%	9	2%	5	1%	2	*	441
Hyde Park	268	83%	37	12%	7	2%	7	2%	2	1%	321
Park Street	328	87%	10	3%	29	8%	3	1%	7	2%	377
William E. Warren Center	4	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
Boston	1,185	86%	123	9%	46	3%	18	1%	12	1%	1,384
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾	1	33%	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	67%	3
Other ⁽⁵⁾	---	---	---	---	8	100%	---	---	---	---	8
Missing	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total:	11,589	86%	803	6%	519	4%	338	3%	198	1%	13,447

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ An unduplicated count of case openings during the quarter.

⁽²⁾ The outcome of an investigation or initial assessment.

⁽³⁾ Includes Institutional Abuse/Neglect, Baby Safe Haven, and Other.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE A4. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

DCF Geographic Region/Area	Screening Decision								Total No. %	
	Screened-Out No. %		Screened-In for Investigation				Screened-In for Initial Assessment No. %			
			Non-Emergency No. %		Emergency No. %					
Greenfield	245	52%	105	22%	18	4%	101	22%	469	3%
Holyoke	198	33%	267	44%	28	5%	110	18%	603	3%
North Central	262	47%	203	36%	22	4%	70	13%	557	3%
Pittsfield	367	51%	260	36%	17	2%	80	11%	724	4%
Robert Van Wart	367	49%	229	30%	13	2%	147	19%	756	4%
South Central	228	39%	151	26%	6	1%	207	35%	592	3%
Springfield	213	29%	345	47%	27	4%	156	21%	741	4%
Worcester East	133	31%	205	48%	33	8%	59	14%	430	2%
Worcester West	168	43%	131	33%	25	6%	68	17%	392	2%
Western	2,181	41%	1,896	36%	189	4%	998	19%	5,264	28%
Cambridge	98	42%	71	30%	5	2%	61	26%	235	1%
Cape Ann	243	56%	24	5%	7	2%	163	37%	437	2%
Framingham	262	64%	64	16%	7	2%	75	18%	408	2%
Haverhill	160	40%	90	22%	15	4%	136	34%	401	2%
Lawrence	178	46%	105	27%	5	1%	95	25%	383	2%
Lowell	206	40%	203	40%	36	7%	68	13%	513	3%
Lynn	190	51%	132	36%	3	1%	46	12%	371	2%
Malden	150	41%	70	19%	11	3%	138	37%	369	2%
Northern	1,487	48%	759	24%	89	3%	782	25%	3,117	17%
Ar,ington	219	69%	29	9%	8	3%	62	19%	318	2%
Brockton	150	35%	217	50%	8	2%	56	13%	431	2%
Cape Cod	172	41%	170	41%	11	3%	63	15%	416	2%
Coastal	163	46%	116	32%	6	2%	73	20%	358	2%
Fall River	157	40%	137	35%	18	5%	76	20%	388	2%
New Bedford	213	40%	220	41%	30	6%	76	14%	539	3%
Plymouth	228	48%	145	30%	10	2%	94	20%	477	3%
Taunton/Attleboro	185	50%	147	40%	3	1%	37	10%	372	2%
Southern	1,487	45%	1,181	36%	94	3%	537	16%	3,299	18%
Dimock Street	88	35%	96	39%	12	5%	53	21%	249	1%
Harbor	126	36%	150	43%	4	1%	70	20%	350	2%
Hyde Park	106	34%	135	44%	15	5%	54	17%	310	2%
Park Street	109	37%	108	36%	13	4%	68	23%	298	2%
Boston	429	36%	489	41%	44	4%	245	20%	1,207	7%
Judge Baker Children's Center	2,119	38%	1,552	28%	1,088	19%	837	15%	5,596	30%
Special Investigations	8	33%	16	67%	---	---	---	---	24	*
Total	7,711	42%	5,893	32%	1,504	8%	3,399	18%	18,507	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE A5. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT RESPONSES BY DCF REGION: FY'2011, 1ST QUARTER (7/1/10 - 9/30/10)

DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Initial Assessment Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported		Concern		Low/No Concern			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Greenfield	60	26%	51	22%	47	20%	72	31%	230	3%
Holyoke	154	39%	145	36%	42	11%	57	14%	398	4%
North Central	136	44%	99	32%	35	11%	41	13%	311	3%
Pittsfield	127	39%	109	34%	18	6%	71	22%	325	4%
Robert Van Wart	157	44%	58	16%	74	21%	65	18%	354	4%
South Central	71	23%	40	13%	88	29%	109	35%	308	3%
Springfield	201	42%	124	26%	65	14%	84	18%	474	5%
Worcester East	152	52%	74	25%	17	6%	48	16%	291	3%
Worcester West	119	43%	61	22%	49	18%	46	17%	275	3%
Western	1,177	40%	761	26%	435	15%	593	20%	2,966	33%
Cambridge	71	38%	43	23%	26	14%	46	25%	186	2%
Cape Ann	20	9%	16	7%	61	27%	132	58%	229	3%
Framingham	44	33%	22	17%	44	33%	23	17%	133	1%
Haverhill	58	20%	70	24%	53	18%	113	38%	294	3%
Lawrence	67	29%	66	29%	41	18%	57	25%	231	3%
Lowell	145	45%	98	31%	30	9%	47	15%	320	4%
Lynn	97	49%	55	28%	16	8%	29	15%	197	2%
Malden	54	22%	31	12%	81	32%	84	34%	250	3%
Northern	556	30%	401	22%	352	19%	531	29%	1,840	21%
Arlington	26	18%	18	13%	40	28%	60	42%	144	2%
Brockton	146	47%	85	27%	19	6%	61	20%	311	3%
Cape Cod	98	35%	95	34%	21	8%	65	23%	279	3%
Coastal	98	34%	95	33%	42	15%	54	19%	289	3%
Fall River	102	41%	54	22%	30	12%	60	24%	246	3%
New Bedford	221	55%	83	21%	42	10%	58	14%	404	5%
Plymouth	87	33%	69	26%	42	16%	65	25%	263	3%
Taunton/Attleboro	112	42%	101	38%	28	11%	23	9%	264	3%
Southern	890	40%	600	27%	264	12%	446	20%	2,200	25%
Dimock Street	51	30%	51	30%	31	18%	35	21%	168	2%
Harbor	91	38%	62	26%	34	14%	50	21%	237	3%
Hyde Park	68	34%	75	38%	17	9%	40	20%	200	2%
Park Street	80	35%	57	25%	35	15%	58	25%	230	3%
Boston	290	35%	245	29%	117	14%	183	22%	835	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	598	71%	249	29%	---	---	---	---	847	9%
Special Investigations	38	14%	234	86%	---	---	---	---	272	3%
Center for Human Development	---	---	2	100%	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	3,549	40%	2,492	28%	1,168	13%	1,753	20%	8,962	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

TABLE A6. MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY CASE REFERRALS* TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: 2003 - 2011

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'2004 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'2005 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'2006 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'2007 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'2008 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'2009 Total	2,927	51%	2,784	49%	5,711
FY'2010, Q1	649	53%	568	47%	1,217
FY'2010, Q2	727	54%	621	46%	1,348
FY'2010, Q3	787	56%	611	44%	1,398
FY'2010, Q4	870	54%	753	46%	1,623
FY'2010 Total	3,033	54%	2,553	46%	5,586
FY'2011, Q1	713	54%	603	46%	1,316

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

TABLE A7. REASONS FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: 2003 - 2011

Time Period	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ³²		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'2003 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'2004 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'2005 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'2006 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'2007 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'2008 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'2009 Total	2,413	80%	572	19%	29	1%	3,014
FY'2010, Q1	541	81%	108	16%	15	2%	664
FY'2010, Q2	588	80%	137	19%	14	2%	739
FY'2010, Q3	639	79%	153	19%	12	1%	804
FY'2010, Q4	725	81%	161	18%	10	1%	896
FY'2010 Total	2,493	80%	559	18%	51	2%	3,103
FY'2011, Q1	602	83%	110	15%	15	2%	727

³² Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

**TABLE A8. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Legally Free		Legally Free		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	60	70%	26	30%	86
Holyoke	82	68%	38	32%	120
North Central	74	69%	34	31%	108
Pittsfield	62	50%	63	50%	125
Robert Van Wart	70	61%	45	39%	115
South Central	66	69%	29	31%	95
Springfield	87	70%	38	30%	125
Worcester East	62	58%	45	42%	107
Worcester West	64	66%	33	34%	97
Contracted Agencies	3	100%	---	---	3
Western	630	64%	351	36%	981
Cambridge	9	35%	17	65%	26
Cape Ann	34	92%	3	8%	37
Framingham	24	49%	25	51%	49
Haverhill	39	83%	8	17%	47
Lawrence	29	48%	31	52%	60
Lowell	98	81%	23	19%	121
Lynn	80	72%	31	28%	111
Malden	31	66%	16	34%	47
Northern	344	69%	154	31%	498
Arlington	18	72%	7	28%	25
Brockton	25	39%	39	61%	64
Cape Cod	10	31%	22	69%	32
Coastal	42	66%	22	34%	64
Fall River	56	46%	66	54%	122
New Bedford	48	44%	60	56%	108
Plymouth	21	32%	45	68%	66
Taunton/Attleboro	18	58%	13	42%	31
Southern	238	46%	274	54%	512
Dimock Sreet	25	41%	36	59%	61
Harbor	33	54%	28	46%	61
Hyde Park	8	26%	23	74%	31
Park Street	35	46%	41	54%	76
Boston	101	44%	128	56%	229
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	123	50%	122	50%	245
Total	1,436	58%	1,029	42%	2,465

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE A9. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHETHER
MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY BY DCF REGION AND AREA:
FY'2011, End of 1ST QUARTER (9/30/10)**

DCF Region/Area	Consumers with a Goal of Adoption				Total No.
	Not Matched		Matched		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Greenfield	15	17%	71	83%	86
Holyoke	12	10%	108	90%	120
North Central	49	45%	59	55%	108
Pittsfield	20	16%	105	84%	125
Robert Van Wart	10	9%	105	91%	115
South Central	16	17%	79	83%	95
Springfield	32	26%	93	74%	125
Worcester East	45	42%	62	58%	107
Worcester West	48	49%	49	51%	97
Contracted Agencies	3	100%	---	---	3
Western	250	25%	731	75%	981
Cambridge	7	27%	19	73%	26
Cape Ann	19	51%	18	49%	37
Framingham	13	27%	36	73%	49
Haverhill	13	28%	34	72%	47
Lawrence	35	58%	25	42%	60
Lowell	72	60%	49	40%	121
Lynn	63	57%	48	43%	111
Malden	13	28%	34	72%	47
Northern	235	47%	263	53%	498
Arlington	1	4%	24	96%	25
Brockton	11	17%	53	83%	64
Cape Cod	8	25%	24	75%	32
Coastal	8	13%	56	88%	64
Fall River	25	20%	97	80%	122
New Bedford	15	14%	93	86%	108
Plymouth	9	14%	57	86%	66
Taunton/Attleboro	4	13%	27	87%	31
Southern	81	16%	431	84%	512
Dimock Street	13	21%	48	79%	61
Harbor	29	48%	32	52%	61
Hyde Park	6	19%	25	81%	31
Park Street	24	32%	52	68%	76
Boston	72	31%	157	69%	229
Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	75	31%	170	69%	245
Total	713	29%	1,752	71%	2,465

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

Table A10. Census 2000: Children Less than 18 Years Old Residing in the 13 Largest Cities in Massachusetts³³

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton	Lawrence	Somerville
White	32%	5%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%	39%	63%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%	5%	13%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%	3%	7%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	---	<1%	<1%	<1%
Multi-Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%	8%	8%
Other/Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%	44%	9%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811	23,019	11,495
Hispanic Origin ³⁴ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%	72%	15%

NOTE: (1) Order of cities in table is based on the total population of adults and children.
(2) The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³³ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

³⁴ Children of any race who are Hispanic